

## ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF JAPANESE PRINCE REGENT GRUESOME DISCOVERY IS MADE BY POLICE NEAR CITY

### COLWOOD CHINESE GARDENER IS FOUND BRUTALLY MURDERED

Body Found In Shack Gives Evidence of Desperate  
Struggle; Robbery Believed By Police to Be Motive  
of Crime

Struck down to his death after a desperate struggle in which his legs and arms were gashed to the bone with an axe, Law Hon was murdered in his shack on the Island Highway sometime on Friday evening last, the Provincial Police learned to-day.

Known as "Charlie, the Gardener," Law Hon, an aged man of some sixty years, was last seen alive on Friday afternoon. The brutal crime is thought to have been committed by an assailant who lay in wait in the three-roomed shack on the roadside for the worker to return from his fields. The hands of the murdered man were found stained with the clay of the fields, and two cook stoves in the premises were found set ready for the match which was never applied.

#### SIGNS OF STRUGGLE

Lying in a welter of blood, the body was found by a Chinaman who came from Duncan, B.C., to visit the victim of the tragedy. The man arrived at the shack about 6 o'clock last evening and got no response to his knocking. Opening the door, he found the body of the aged gardener lying on the floor surrounded with every evidence of a desperate struggle. Near at hand lay a hammer with which the victim is thought to have defended himself from his assailant. A little further off, on the floor, lay the axe, its double bladed head bearing traces of human hair and blood.

The body was fresh, but the features and throat had been eaten away, presumably by rats. A half-starved cat was shut up in the premises but escaped when searchers opened the door. The aged victim lay on the floor in the clothes he had worn to work in the fields. The pockets of his trousers were disturbed, as if a hand had gone searching for their contents and been hastily withdrawn.

The remains were found in a room adjoining the living quarters, and used as a receptacle for kindling wood. The body lay at the foot of the woodpile as if the old man had gone there to get fuel to start the fire for his evening meal.

"Charlie the Gardener," as he was known to white residents of the district, must have turned at this point to face the assailant in hiding. Then ensued the fight which was to take his life. The arms and legs of the aged man were gashed to the bone in many places.

SCALP WOUND  
Though disfigurement blotted out many evidences of the crime, it is thought Law Hon died from the blow of an axe delivered on the top of the head. The scalp was pushed back to the base at the rear and the whole top of the head laid bare. Human hair and blood on the axe support the police theory that it was the large, two-bladed weapon which was used by the murderer.

MOTIVE  
The bedroom and living-room of the shack were left undisturbed, though it is difficult for the police to say if their contents had been rifled or not. Little is known about Law Hon save that he had lived a hitherto peaceful life, and kept a great deal to the fields near his farm.

### Ottawa Ministry is Selecting Date for Beginning of Session

Ottawa, Dec. 27 (Canadian Press)—The date of the opening of Parliament may be determined at a meeting of the Cabinet this afternoon. There has been no official intimation regarding the approximate date of the opening. As the law requires that thirty days' notice must be given, it is certain Parliament will not meet until February, and probably not before the middle of that month.

The Government faces the opening of Parliament minus the assistance of Right Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, one of the veterans of the Liberal Party and the Premier's

### Murder Reward is Split Three Ways

Judge Lammont gave judgment in the County Court to-day splitting the \$1,000 Lorenz murder reward three ways. The parties who will divide the \$500 offered by the city and \$500 offered by the Provincial Government are ex-Detective Harry H. Macdonald, Hans Kiewow and Bosville Beaumont. The judge made no order as to costs.

### EXPECT P.C.E. COMMISSION TO SIT HERE SOON

Appointment of Investigator  
Not Considered Yet, Premier  
Declares

Examines Third Party Petition; Inquiry Expected to  
Start Within Month

Appointment of the Royal

Commission which will investigate charges of wrongdoing in Pacific Great Eastern Railway affairs has not been considered by the Government yet, Premier Oliver declared to-day when he denied Vancouver reports that he and his colleagues had arranged to get the Royal Commission under way early next month.

"On account of the pressure of business towards the end of the session of the Legislature and the accumulation of departmental business at that time, the Cabinet has not had an opportunity to go into the matter of the Royal Commission yet," the Premier declared. "All reports that arrangements have been made in this connection are pure guess work."

On his return to the city to-day the Premier commenced to fully into the petition of the Provincial Party asking for the appointment of

most valued lieutenant. Although the reports in regard to Mr. Fielding's condition are encouraging, it is understood he must take a long rest if Mr. Fielding should not be able to deliver the budget speech, Hon. James A. Robb, acting Minister of Finance, will have to shoulder the responsibility. In addition to reviewing the estimates before they are placed before the Cabinet for approval.

Another important matter which it is understood will be decided this afternoon, is the filling of the vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court of Canada. There is a persistent rumor that Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Speaker of the House of Commons, will be appointed to the position, but official confirmation is lacking.

### WHERE TO VOTE

The poll for the Amusement Centre By-law will be taken at the northwest corner of Government and Johnson Streets, in the former Shore Building, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday. The by-law must receive three-fifths of the total vote cast in order to be ratified.

The officials of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway have made arrangements to hold the morning up-island train until 9.20 o'clock, to permit prospective passengers to vote first.

### SIX INCHES OF SNOW NOW IN TERMINAL CITY

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Vancouver is covered with six inches of snow to-day. It began to fall at midnight and there was no sign of a let-up this afternoon.

### Belgians Said to be Prisoners in German Hands

Brussels, Dec. 27.—The Government has requested the Belgian Embassy in Berlin to make a thorough investigation of the story told by two Belgian soldiers who arrived in Brussels yesterday saying they had been interned in Germany since they were taken prisoner in 1917. One of them declared he had been working on a farm under close guard and said he knew of sixteen more Belgian soldiers captured during the war who still were held prisoner in Germany.

### George Brimston, Sheriff of Yukon, Died; Was Pioneer

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—George Brimston, sheriff of the Yukon Territory, died in the hospital in Dawson last night, according to a message received here. Sheriff Brimston was a pioneer of the Klondike gold stampede and discovered gold on the famous Sulphur Creek.

### TRAGIC SCENES AT ASYLUM FIRE

Fourteen Patients and Three  
Others Perished at Chicago

Several Dangerous Patients  
Still at Large Early To-day

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Seventeen persons were killed last night when a swift-spreading fire of unascertained origin destroyed an old wooden pavilion known as the "Death House" at the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane at Dunning, at the north-western edge of Chicago. Fourteen of those who lost their lives are known to have been patients in various stages of insanity. Three others were E. J. Caraker and his wife, attendants, and Lowell, their eight-year-old son. The body of only one patient has been identified. The bodies of the others were burned beyond recognition.

About thirty-five of the patients, including several of a violent type, broke away in the excitement of herding more than 500 inmates from the danger zone. Several were taken back to the institution after hard struggles with police.

A dozen supposedly dangerous patients were reported still at large early to-day.

### R. G. CHAMBERLAIN FUNERAL IN OTTAWA SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The body of the late Rufus G. Chamberlain, head of the Canadian Pacific Railway Investigation Bureau, will arrive in Ottawa on Friday and be interred in the Beechwood Cemetery here Saturday afternoon. The funeral will be semi-military. A body of the Canadian Pacific Railway constables, whom he commanded for the last ten years, will escort the body here from Montreal and these and Canadian National Railway police will be in attendance on Saturday, as well as detachments of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and officers of the Ottawa and Hull police forces.

### First Entry For Halifax-Victoria Cross Canada Race

Maxwell Chalmers Motor Company of Canada has written to the Canadian Highway Association indicating that the company will be represented in the Halifax-to-Victoria race across the transcanadian highway. Publicity for the race has been secured by the Victoria-Canadian Highway Association, throughout the Dominion and other inquiries received point to a good entry.

### LUMBER ASSEMBLY PLANT MAY SOON BE REALIZED

Up-Island Lumbermen Place Proposals Before C.N.R. and C.P.R.; Barge Service Between Esquimalt, and Ogden Point Planned; Thirty Mills Want Assembly Plant Here

Victoria's long-anticipated lumber assembly plant at Ogden Point docks may soon be realized if negotiations being carried on by thirty different lumber companies are successful. It was learned to-day that efforts are being made on the part of various mills situated along the E. and N. Railway to make the Ogden Point docks a permanent assembly plant for lumber.

At a meeting held recently, at which the C.N.R. was represented by Harry Stuart and the C.P.R. by H. E. Beasley, thirty representatives of the mills along the E. and N. Railway submitted a proposition which, if ratified, will mean the establishment of a permanent lumber assembly plant at the Canadian National docks.

W. H. Munroe of the Shawinigan Lake Lumber Company, was chairman at this meeting while practically all lumber mills on the island were represented.

BARGE SERVICE  
The proposition is to establish a barge service between the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway terminal at Esquimalt and the Ogden Point docks. The barges would be specially conditioned for the transfer of railway cars loaded with lumber. A chartered tug, or even one of the C.P.R. tugs, would tow the barges on the E. and N. terminal to the government railway slip, where the cars would be run off the barges on to the tracks at the Ogden Point docks.

The lumber could then be assembled in the usual way and loaded on vessels that come to the docks. The docks are equipped with tracks not only from the slip, but from the far end of the yard to Dallas Road.

AWAITING DECISION  
The proposal has been left with the C.N.R. and the C.P.R. for agreement. A decision is expected some time next week, and it is hoped by the lumbermen that the proposals will be accepted.

### CRYSTAL GARDEN WILL EXCEL ATTRACTIONS OF THE GOLDEN STATE

Victoria Will Be Able to Show Tourists Something  
More Wonderful Than They Have in California

A fleet of cars will be on hand to take voters to the polling booth at the corner of Government and Johnson Street Saturday to mark their ballot to bring the Crystal Garden to Victoria. Fearing a wet week-end, which may keep electors who figure that a safe majority for the Amusement Centre By-law is assured from turning out to cast their votes, Manager W. G. Gaunce and Secretary W. D. Morgan have organized a service by enlisting an army of automobile owners, but are still calling for more so that the record vote which is aimed at may be recorded. Those desiring transportation are asked to phone 469 or 7500.

REASONS  
The concise leaflet setting out reasons "Why you should vote for the Amusement Centre By-law" will reach property owners to-day in most parts of the city and by Saturday all the electors will have received sixteen telling arguments in favor of the proposed garden.

The finest salt water tank in Canada, music all the year round, great artists at low prices, carnivals, great spectacles and grand concerts in a vast setting of color and light, a factor in making Victoria the leading convention city and a big addition to Victoria's payroll are among the reasons set out.

A veteran campaign manager, Mr. Gaunce, again emphasizes the danger of over optimism. The danger he points out is not always from the opposition, but from those in favor who fail to turn out and vote.

INTEREST HIGH  
That there will be a big vote, however, is indicated by the interest the

### Ministry of Japan Gives Its Resignation

Tokio, Dec. 27.—The Japanese Cabinet resigned to-day.

### NOT A CANDIDATE

Boston, Dec. 27.—C. H. Cox, Governor of Maine, announced to-day he would not be a candidate for re-election at the close of his present term.

### NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH IN TOKIO; PRINCE HIROHITO



### FRENCH AIRSHIP IS LOST, BUT HOPE FOR THOSE ABOARD EXISTS

Paris, Dec. 27.—The loss of the French dirigible Dixmude is now reluctantly admitted, although hope for the safety of her crew of fifty officers and men has not yet been relinquished. Officials who feel that the great airship's personnel is still alive recall that nothing was heard of the crew of the Goliath, which broke down in Mauritania in August, 1919, until a week after the accident and all hope had been given up.

It is considered certain the Dixmude fell on the desert somewhere between Biseria and Toggouri, Southern Algeria, during the gale that prevented her from crossing the Gulf of Gabes and returning to France. The airship, says The Matin, was not warned of this gale by the Weather Bureau. In fact, it adds, no one told the bureau of her voyage.

Inasmuch as no message whatever has been received from the Dixmude since 5 p.m. on December 21, it is inferred here that her fall must have been violent, wrecking her wireless.

Even assuming such a crash, it does not necessarily follow that the airship's crew perished. The Dixmude was well provided with parachutes and some of her men, it is pointed out, must have escaped. These could have obtained food and water from the wreckage.

An official announcement was made by the Ministry of Marine at noon to-day that the Dixmude had been heard from or seen since 8 p.m. on Friday, December 21. She then gave her position as approximately sixty miles from Toggouri, or about midway between the Biskia, heading for Algeria on the north side of the Atlas Mountains.

FOUR HURT IN  
RAILWAY SMASH  
C.N.R. Cars Left Rails Near  
Lazare, Man., This Morning  
Dining Car Men Served Hot  
Coffee

Saskatoon, Dec. 27.—Four persons were injured and six cars went into the ditch when Canadian National Railway Continental Limited No. 2, east-bound, left the rails near Lazare, Manitoba, at 3 o'clock this morning.

The injured: Simon Stohr, Leipzig, Sask., cut over left eye by broken glass; W. A. Anderson, New York City, cut on the nose and over the right eye; Conductor Mooney, badly bruised and shaken up; Brakeman

COOLIDGE IS GIVEN  
AID IN KEEPING THE  
KU KLUX IN ORDER

Washington, Dec. 27.—E. Y. Clarke, formerly high in the councils of the Ku Klux Klan, wrote President Coolidge to-day offering to co-operate with the executive in ending the activities of an element which is converting the Klan into an organization vastly different from that planned by its founders.

Clarke also announced his intention of issuing a proclamation to Klansmen "calling the better element" either to take hold "and remedy the existing evils" or to disband the organization.

### FEELING RUNS HIGH IN TOKIO FOLLOWING ATTACK ON HIROHITO

Youth Who Fired and His Companion Arrested;  
Viscount Irye, Who Was With Prince in Automobile, Was Slightly Injured By Flying Glass; Bullet Went Near Head of the Regent

Tokio, Dec. 27.—A youth dressed as a laborer was arrested by police to-day shortly after he had fired at Prince Regent Hirohito in an attempt to assassinate him. The youth is twenty years old and the police believe he is insane.

Another youth, who was with the assailant, was arrested later. Authorities are conducting a rigid investigation. They are of the opinion others may be implicated in a plot to assassinate Prince Hirohito.

Following the attack, it was learned the Prince Regent had been under heavy guard recently, owing to rumors which had been in circulation here that Koreans were conspiring to assassinate him.

Owing to the almost unprecedented feeling, which is running high here, and conflicting reports which are extant, the police have threatened to suppress newspapers publishing news of the incident until an official statement has been issued.

#### WEATHER AIDS FARMERS

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Farmers entered the last week of 1923 with ploughing and other fall work well in advance of the ordinary, declares a report of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, issued to-day.

#### USED CANE GUN

The attack was made while the Prince Regent was on his way to a session of the Diet. The assailant used a "cane gun" in firing at the automobile. The windows of the automobile were shattered and the bullet narrowly missed the head of the Prince. He continued on his way to the meeting, but took refuge in the upper House of Peers. Later he convened the Diet in ordinary session with the customary ceremonies, after which he returned to the imperial palace under heavy guard.

#### IRYE WAS INJURED

Viscount Tanemori Irye, a member of the House of Peers and Chief Chamberlain to the Prince Regent, who was accompanying him in the automobile, was slightly injured by the flying glass.

#### WAS NOT AGITATED

When Hirohito appeared in the upper House of the Diet, there was no indication apparent that anything untoward had occurred. The Prince Regent read a speech to the members of the House in a calm voice and then retired. Visitors at the session were not allowed to leave the building until the Regent had departed on his way back to the imperial palace. None of those present at the session which he addressed were aware of the shooting, and when news of the attempted assassination became known they expressed the highest admiration for the manner in which he had conducted himself.

Baron Goto's home and all Social-Jat centres are being closely guarded owing to fear of anti-Socialist outbreaks.

Prince Regent Hirohito has been in the public eye in Japan considerably during recent months as a result of his work in directing reconstruction after the earthquake and plans for his marriage on February 6 to Princess Masako Kuni-No-Miya, which was sanctioned formally in June, 1922.

Hirohito, eldest son of Emperor Yoshihito, was proclaimed Crown Prince in 1912, and was appointed Regent in November, 1921, on account of the illness of the Emperor. He is twenty-two years of age, having been born April 29, 1901.

### New Peace Effort in Mexico by Gen. Flores Is Subject of Report

Mexico City, Dec. 27.—Upon the eve of federal offensives against the rebellious forces commanded by Generals Enrique Estrada and Manuel Dieguez in the State of Jalisco and Generals Fortunato Maycotte and Castro in the State of Oaxaca, reports are again in circulation of a peace move. The reports say the author of the effort toward peace is General Angelo Flores, Governor of Sinaloa, a presidential candidate.


According to unconfirmed reports, a commission from Sinaloa has arrived in Mexico City with Flores' peace proposal.

Following is a translation of a bulletin received by C. L. H. Branson at the Mexican consulate in Victoria this morning.

The Government forces are organizing at San Marcos preparatory to an advance on the rebel forces at Vera Cruz. At the same time President Obregon continues his military operations against rebels in the State of Puebla.

Nothing of much importance has taken place in the Guadalupe district. The Government forces are repairing the railroad and organizing for an attack on the rebel Estrada. The other districts of the republic are tranquil. Transportation and mail service and other communications with the north of the republic continue normal. Communications with the city of Guadalupe are being re-established as the Government troops advance. The Obregon Government advises the public to be cautious about accepting false information transmitted by the rebel forces through Vera Cruz.





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## NEW CAPE TOWN DRYDOCK URGED

Cape Times Says That Plan  
is Better Than Singapore  
Naval Base

Cape Town, Dec. 27 (Canadian Press Cable via Reuters).—The Cape Times, discussing the scheme of establishing a naval base at Singapore, draws particular attention to a declaration made by Rear-Admiral Sir Frederick Field, who is in command of the battleship squadron on the Empire cruise, that the Cape port was likely to become still more important in the future than it had been in the past.

The journal urges the construction of a large modern drydock at Cape Town for use by trading vessels, and in a time of emergency for use by battleships frequenting the Cape route. The paper says the cost of construction of such a dock at Cape Town would be cheaper than the construction of a naval base at Singapore. The Cape Town dock could be constructed at an expenditure of possibly \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000, the paper says, as compared

## TWO ARE ON TRIAL ON ROBBERY CHARGE IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—A victim of three armed robbers, Charles Frederick Gregor, was the principal witness to-day against Victor Dibley and Fred Kelly, two of the trio charged with the crime, in a preliminary hearing which opened before Magistrate H. O. Alexander.

The "holdup" occurred November 29 last in Gregor's store at the northwest corner of Galiano Island, near Portlier Pass. Cash totalling \$270, three shotguns, a revolver, three cans of gasoline, and a flashlight were taken together with a bundle of cancelled cheques and notes, payment of which was stopped by Gregor. The robbers mislaid by two days \$334 which the storekeeper had sent on to the bank for deposit.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Production of meat this year was the greatest in history, exceeding last year's figures by 1,500,000,000 pounds, according to estimates by the Institute of American Meat Packers. A big jump in pork production was largely responsible for the increase, 10,000,000 more hogs being bought by the packers than in 1922.

## THIRTEEN LOST LIVES AT SEA

Steamship Struck Schooner  
Near Heligoland

Yarmouth, Dec. 27.—Captain P. L. Pothier, of Boston, and twelve of his crew of fourteen men, lost their lives when the auxiliary schooner Grace N. Pendleton sank as a result of being run down by an unknown steamship off Heligoland on the night of November 15, it was learned to-day when the two survivors of the wreck, Second Engineer Odor Pothier, the captain's son, and the ship's cook arrived here.

The unknown steamship that rammed the Pendleton did not stop after the collision and after searching for her some time Captain Pothier decided to make all speed for Cuxhaven. The Pendleton never reached Cuxhaven, however, as a head-on gale was encountered, against which she in her battered condition was unable to make any headway. She finally sank in nineteen feet of water and within a few hours all the crew, with the exception of the two survivors, were swept away from their holds on the rigging by the heavy seas.

The two survivors were picked up by a tug the following morning.

## CONFESSION BY MAN ARRESTED

Frank Collins Says He Killed  
Miss E. Phillips in New York

New York, Dec. 27.—A man known to the police as Frank Collins and suspected of murdering women in half a dozen cases, confessed his guilt in two cases after his arrest to-day, according to detectives who questioned him for several hours.

The detectives said that Collins, arrested in the case of Miss Estelle Phillips, strangled in her apartment here, admitted that murder and also confessed having assaulted Miss May Mitchell, a nurse in a tuberculosis hospital in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia on December 5.

WESTMINSTER CLEARINGS  
New Westminster, Dec. 27.—The bank clearings here during the past week were \$494,256.

Revelstoke, B.C., Dec. 27.—Charles Turner's garage was completely destroyed by fire this morning. Two automobiles and a tractor were consumed. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

## MR. PALMER PROGRESSES

Cheminus, Dec. 27.—E. J. Palmer, head of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co., at Cheminus, who was suddenly stricken early this week, passed a fairly good night and is progressing well, doctors in charge said this afternoon.

## Paris Informed by Venizelos of Return to Greece

Paris, Dec. 27.—Ex-Premier Venizelos of Greece, who is to return to his home land on the invitation of the Revolutionary Committee and of the Ministerial Council, after years of absence, called at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs to-day and was received by the Political Director of the Foreign Office, whom he officially informed of his impending departure. The former Premier will leave Paris to-morrow and will sail from Marseilles Saturday.

## SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST YOUTHS IN SASKATOON

Saskatoon, Dec. 27.—After a twenty-year-old girl student of the University of Saskatchewan had been found wandering in a street at 5 a.m. in a state of complete prostration, police to-day arrested William Munro, eighteen, and Cecil Hurley, both well known about town. They were charged with attempting a criminal assault on the girl and have been released on \$2,000 bail for preliminary hearing Monday.

The girl told the police she had consented to go for an automobile ride with Munro and Hurley after a dance. They took her to the western outskirts of the city, she said, where they dragged her from the car.

She led police to the spot and they picked up articles that had belonged to her, including an earring. Her purse, which had been lost in the struggle, could not be found.

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meet with success as it will mean a great saving, not only money, but time.

Lumber has been assembled at the Ogden Point docks in the past, but not in as satisfactory a way as would be the case if a barge service was established.

Up-Island mill owners will be satisfied if they can get established a permanent assembly plant even without the facilities that were first planned.

## ATTACK WAS MADE BY BOOTLEGGERS

Moonshiners in Maryland  
Beat Four Members of  
Church Congregation

Hancock, Md., Dec. 27.—Bootleggers and moonshiners to-day were believed by authorities to have composed a band of ten men that stormed the Methodist Church at Black Road, about six miles from here, Christmas night, damaging the edifice and beating four members of the congregation, including two women.

The invaders entered after breaking windows. Once inside they began to break up church fixtures.

Members of the church have aided authorities in breaking up stills and apprehending bootleggers.

## COLWOOD CHINESE GARDENER IS FOUND BRUTALLY MURDERED

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The shack stands at a short distance from the road on the south side of the Island Highway at a point about 100 yards east of the Colwood Hotel. The Chinaman who found the body reported to Thomas Wayne, Colwood resident, the police in notifying the police. This was at 8 p.m. last night.

Constable McPhail went to the shack at once, and stayed on guard to see that nothing was disturbed. This morning provincial constables, under Otway Wilkie, returned to the scene of the crime and took more evidence. The body was found in a shallow trench, the police said, and was badly mutilated. It was found with its arms and legs spread out, and a flashlight of the exact location of the body.

**BODY BROUGHT HERE**  
The body was removed to the B. C. Funeral Parlor, where a post mortem will be held this afternoon under Coroner Dr. E. C. Hart. Inquest is tentatively set for Saturday morning pending arrangements in the hands of the police. The police believe robbery to have been the motive for the crime.

**FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE**  
The brutal murder was rendered more horrible by the disfigurement. All recognizable features the police found, had been eaten away, while some animal had eaten deep into the throat of the body. The positive proof of identity is lacking as yet only the presence of the aged man in the shack prior to the crime being an indication of the victim's person.

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## INQUIRY STARTED

Blame for the deaths in the flimsy building will be fixed by a joint investigation of five official agencies working with the Cook County coroner.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by an overheated boiler in Ward No. 3 of the frame annex, where the flames first burst through into the room where the men patients were at the supper table. Many of those killed are believed to have been suffocated by the first burst of flames or were partly overcome and dropped when the flames were hurrying the others into a drizzling rain to safety.

## EXPECT P.G.E. COMMISSIONER TO SIT HERE SOON

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A Royal Commission and making charges of wrongdoing in the investigation of the P.G.E. This document is lengthy and will require careful study by the Premier and his colleagues.

It is assumed that the Royal Commission when it is appointed will sit in Victoria, but no decision on this point has been made. A judge of the Appeal Court or the Supreme Court probably will be appointed Royal Commissioner but the scope of his inquiry has not been decided. It is expected that the investigation will start within the next month.

## OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

London, Dec. 27 (Canadian Press Cable).—League soccer games played to-day in England resulted in seven games between Arsenal and Notts County, in the English First Division, no score being registered, and between Northampton and Stevenage Town in the southern section of the Third English League Division. In the latter match the score was 1-1.

In rugby matches the results were: Leicester 3, Barbarians 5.  
Newport 21, Racing Club of France 0.  
Coventry 3, Crumlin 3.  
Birmingham 3, Old Edwardsians 6.  
Bath 12, Gloucesters 6.  
Northampton 19, Moseley 0.  
Swansea 11, Maesteg 3.  
Aberavon 14, Brynhyfryd 4.  
Bridgend 12, Resolves 11.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—A pioneer of the thrilling game of hockey in Manitoba and who on one occasion heroically offered battle to a marauding Indian chief, chasing him away with a hatchet after he had flourishing a tomahawk, demanded admittance to her home, died here to-day in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd, aged seventy-two. She was born in Headingly, Man., near this city, and was the widow of Andrew Boyd, a close friend of Thomas Scott, Riel Rebellion victim.

## Los Angeles Mayor Voices Opinion on Amusement Centre

The following telegram from the Mayor of Los Angeles has been received by C. R. W. Schwabacher, president of the Chamber of Commerce, from Geo. C. Cryer, mayor of Los Angeles.

"No better advertising could be procured for your wonderful city than the announcement that your citizens had voted to establish the Amusement Centre. With best wishes for your success and prosperity."

"GEO. C. CRYER,  
"Mayor of Los Angeles."

## FOUR HURT IN RAILWAY SMASH

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Robinson, bruises on the left side of head and cut about the forehead.

About two feet of broken rail caused the accident. The baggage car, colonist car, first class coach, two sleepers and a dining car left the track. The colonist car toppled over on its side and this morning the dining car was hanging over a bridge.

**STEEL CARS**  
The fact that the cars were constructed of steel prevented fatalities. The train crew was able to remain on duty and immediately started rescue work. The dining car employees made hot coffee for all the passengers.

**ESCAPED INJURY**  
The shock threw a pile of trunks on top of the news agent, but he was pulled out and was found to be uninjured.

Injured passengers are to be transferred to Continental Limited No. 1 and taken back to Winnipeg.

## TRAGIC SCENES AT ASYLUM FIRE

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**WORST RECORDED**  
It was the worst institutional fire in Illinois history. The building seemed to go up in one great burst of flames.

A number of the patients were epileptics, usually in full control of their faculties, and they aided the helpless after one of their number had given the alarm.

The entire institution housed approximately 3,500 patients, and the shrieks of the fire alarm siren threw them into a frenzy. Attendants battled to drive them back from doors and windows into the other buildings and to quiet them while the flames consumed the wooden structure. The cries of the charges led past the buildings housing the more dangerous patients excited them all the more, and for an hour the scene was truly one of bedlam.

## THREE WARD BURNED

With the arrival of city fire fighting apparatus the fire was controlled after three wards, constituting one-half of the building, had been destroyed. Firemen estimate the loss at \$100,000. Hospital officials, however, say they believe it is less.

Because of mud in the adjacent streets and on the grounds, fire apparatus had great difficulty in reaching the scene. A quantity of hay was finally used to clear the way to make a road for the fire trucks.

## NUMBER HURT

Attendants carried out six bedridden patients from the wards. A number of patients were bruised and injured in being hurried from the building or in falling after getting out. Others were hurt when they returned to wards to get Christmas gifts which they did not wish to leave behind. They were driven away by attendants. Three policemen rescued three patients who became confused and finally took refuge in a lavatory in one of the wards. The policemen chopped down the door and dragged the patients out.

## CRYSTAL GARDEN WILL EXCEL ATTRACTIONS OF THE GOLDEN STATE

(Continued from page 1.)  
Amusement Centre By-Law is creating on the street. Even amid the whirl of Christmas shopping people found time to talk about the great Christmas present offered to Victoria.

The Crystal Garden as it is now becoming generally known is pointed to as exactly what Victoria needs. Similar buildings in other parts of Canada and throughout Europe are pointed to as essential features of tourist resorts and attractions for residents.

With California a rival with Victoria for tourist trade Sutro's Gardens in San Francisco is quoted as a similar attraction to the Amusement Centre. It will be a great boost for Victoria, however, those behind the proposed Crystal Gardens point out, when the city can show tourists from the Golden Gate a swimming tank which excels their own much lauded pool, tropical gardens which last year were the best in the world, and many features besides which Sutro's Gardens does not possess.

## VANCOUVER REPORT ON FAITH HEALING

Ministerial Association Committee Sums up Results of  
Dr. Price's Services

Five Persons Cured; Thirty-Nine Have Since Died

Vancouver, Dec. 27 (Canadian Press).—The report of the committee appointed by the Vancouver Ministerial Association to investigate "faithcures" of Rev. Dr. C. S. Price, who conducted an evangelistic campaign here last April just issued finds that of 350 typical cases considered, five amenable to mental treatment were cured; thirty-nine have died, five have become insane, and four additional insanity cases developed in families of persons who were annoyed.

The 10,000-word report was signed by all but three of the board of inquiry composed of eleven clergymen, three university professors, eight medical doctors and a lawyer.

**IN PRAIRIE CITIES**  
Before coming to Vancouver Dr. Price conducted campaigns in California and Oregon cities and in Victoria and recently completed ministrations in prairie cities.

"After the most earnest consideration of the cases under survey which may fairly be classed as cures, all come over clearly within the group of what are commonly known as functional disorders. We have been unable to find that the usual course of any distinctly organic condition was in any way benefited other than what might fairly be expected from a more hopeful or improved attitude of the patient. In many cases, however, the neglect of ordinary well-proven methods of treatment has led to most deplorable results."

**WORSE THAN BEFORE**  
Seventeen cases are classed as worse since they were "cured," mainly because of neglect of scientific treatment. Two thousand persons were annoyed here, it is estimated.

The committee believes Dr. Price's method was partly ordinary but mainly hypnotic suggestion, and admits the spiritual benefits of ministrations. The report, however, states that the value of suggestion as a curative agency is strictly limited and that hypnotic suggestion can be used with safety only by skilled practitioners.

**ONE-TENTH**  
Speaking of the 350 cases investigated, the committee says it is doubtful if the persons annoyed had been cured of their diseases one-tenth of them would not, in the natural course of events, have died in the ensuing six months.

"The committee have throughout sought to deal with all data in a dispassionate way," says the report, "but it has been obviously impossible for them not to be touched by the tragedy of one home, where the father, the breadwinner of the family and a most estimable man, brooded over the failure of his only daughter, a cripple from a street accident, to receive the healing announced by the Rev. Dr. C. S. Price and who, as a result of dependency, went violently insane."

**BY SUGGESTION**  
"The method of treatment used by the Rev. C. S. Price was, in the judgment of the committee, that of suggestion, partly in its ordinary form of hypnotic suggestion," says the report. "In making this statement they do not wish to be understood as questioning the fact that undoubted spiritual benefits were received by many through the ministrations of the Rev. Dr. C. S. Price, or as asserting that religious faith on the part of the patient is not a useful adjunct in the treatment of disease. On the contrary, they believe that it has been too often forgotten that health, bodily and mental, is capable of being influenced for good by spiritual means. They would, however, direct attention to the fact that the value of suggestion as a curative agency is strictly limited and that hypnotic suggestion can be used safely only by practitioners who are skilled in the diagnosis of disease, and who understand thoroughly the nature of the human mind. The truth of this statement is shown by the fact that the practice of hypnotism in certain countries at the present time, definitely restricted by law."

## EXTENT OF INQUIRY

"Approximately 350 cases came within the committee's purview. It would have been impossible to help the Rev. Dr. C. S. Price, when he appealed to, given his co-operation by furnishing the names and addresses of those whom he announced," says the report. "The committee pointed out to him that his ministry would be helped by a scientific examination of its results, and the interests of suffering humanity would be served by his giving the co-operation by which every case of announcing could be followed up."

"However, without his co-operation the committee was unable to secure a sufficient number of cases to warrant definite conclusions, and is satisfied that, even if the number had been multiplied indefinitely, no material change in its conclusions would be necessitated. The range and variety of the cases investigated cover the field of ailments and cures sufficiently widely and numerously to form the basis for a dependable estimate."

## KINDS OF CASES

"The cases investigated by the committee included: Cancer, paralysis of various kinds, muscular atrophy, spinal troubles of various kinds, rheumatism, deformities, tuberculosis, arthritis, blindness, deafness, curvature of the spine, congenital and tubercular hip diseases, nervous troubles, high blood pressure, gastritis, limber, hunched, impotent and injured; idiocy, ingrown toenail, cerebral hemorrhage (apoplexy), stomach troubles, lameness, heart diseases, asthma, tumor, goitre, catarrhs, hydrocephalus, water on the brain), moral delinquency, elephantiasis, debility, neuritis, disseminated sclerosis (shaking palsy, degeneration of spinal cord), pyorrhea, herpes (rupture), enlarged tonsils, female troubles, fits, epilepsy, diabetes, headaches, malaria, sleeping sickness, results, lupus and other skin diseases, mental backwardness, stone in kidney, anaemia, consumption, sciatitis, bronchitis, dropsy, neurasthenia, hypoplegia lived in New France. I thrilled with the life of the above, various combinations of the above."

**SCIENCE RECOGNIZED**  
"There is at present a well-recognized science of mental healing, or psycho-therapeutics as it is technically known," says the report. "This science makes use of certain laws which govern the operations of mind in its relation to the physical organism. We believe that physical benefits which have accrued to some through the ministrations of the Rev. Dr. C. S. Price are entirely explainable by these laws. Similar beneficial results, however, are produced daily in the psychopathic wards of modern hospitals under safeguards which are vitally necessary to the well-being of the patient, and which, of necessity, could not be provided under the conditions which obtained at the Arena meetings."

"The principles of mental healing obtain to a greater or less extent in the ordinary treatment of disease and are recognized by modern practitioners as being of aid to the welfare where the disease is essentially organic in its character."

"The recognition and the application of law does not make the act of healing any the less divine in its character. In fact the act of healing becomes thereby the more divine as it becomes the more intelligent. If God operates anywhere in the healing of disease, it surely must be in the ministrations of men and women who have taken the pains to understand the human body and the human mind, and who, by their practice, make use of the results of centuries of study and experiment. Consequently, to substitute for the careful diagnosis and treatment of disease an emotional excitement strongly reinforced by hypnotism and mass suggestion, is so dangerous a procedure that no one who intelligently and sincerely desires the welfare of his fellow man, either in the physical or in the spiritual sense, would think for a moment of resorting to it. The injuries would, by the very nature of the case, be bound to outweigh the benefits."

## CALL FOR CUT IN CANADA'S OUTLAY

Woodstock, N.B., People View  
National Debt With Alarm

St. John, N.B., Dec. 27.—An appeal is being made by the Mayor, Aldermen, Town Manager and prominent citizens of Woodstock, N.B., to their fellow citizens to urge the government to reduce the national debt. The signers of the petition state they desire or demand a large reduction in annual expenditures, and they promise their support to a policy of strict economy.

The statement suggests that the seasonal indemnity of the House of Commons might be reduced to \$2,500 from \$4,000.

The slogan of the appeal is "The Reduction of Canada's Debt by Twenty-five Per Cent in Five Years."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Fancy Dress Ball under auspices of Navy League Chapter, I.O.E., Empress Hotel Ballroom, Friday, December 28. Dancing from 7 to 1 o'clock. Tickets \$1.00 including supper for children only. After 10 o'clock, 50c.

Carpet bowling, men's Winter pastime, held every Monday evening at 7:45 at St. Mark's Hall, Boleskine Rd. Come and enjoy an evening sport.

Butter—The very best local freshly churned Salt Spring Island Creamery now retailing at 50¢ per pound.

## Great War Veterans' Association

grand smoking concert, Tombola, Saturday evening, Dec. 22, 8 o'clock. Tombola will be drawn at 10 o'clock. Good programme. Tickets 50¢. All ex-service men cordially invited. Fairbanks-Morse Bldg.

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## Dr. Grant's book, My Missionary

Memories, referred to in yesterday's Times, is a book of 128 pages. This little book would make an admirable New Year's gift.

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Then, to be really effective, productive, the big advertising stories must be carried in the HOME Paper.

## The Victoria Daily Times



## \$10,000 PRIZE FOR SCIENTIST

Offered at Meeting of the  
American Association;  
Canadians Attend

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Canadians scientists will play a prominent part in the seventy-fifth annual meeting of the American Association

for the Advancement of Science, which opened here to-day and will continue until January 2.

Keen interest is being manifested in the \$10,000 prize offered for the most notable offering of science during the meeting.

### BECOMES A COUNT

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—It is officially announced that Prince Erik of Denmark, on the occasion of his betrothal to Miss Lois Frances Booth of Ottawa, renounced his right to succession to the throne and his title of Prince. King Christian, however, conferred on him the title of Count of Rothenberg.

## MEN IN CRAFT NEAR RUM ROW ARE QUESTIONED

New York, Dec. 27.—Robert Graham Fothergill, who admitted a "remote" relationship to a "distinguished British official" and was arraigned yesterday before an assistant customs solicitor on a charge of conspiring to violate the prohibition law, is to re-appear to-day with five other defendants.

Fothergill and his companions were arrested Sunday night in a thirty-ton motorboat by officers of the coast-guard cutter Seminole, who said they

found the small craft drifting close to Rum Row.

### AGED WOMAN DIED

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 27.—Within two months of reaching the age of 100, Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, one of the oldest residents of Leeds County, died yesterday at her home at Fairfax, Ont.

### ESTATE IS \$367,750

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Herbert Langlois, vice-president of the Standard Bank, left an estate of \$367,750 when he died recently. The principal legatees are the widow and children.

## CONTINUE WORK AT PHARAOH'S TOMB

Carter and Helpers Found  
Two Tutankhamen Alabaster Tablets

Luxor, Egypt, Dec. 27.—Work was resumed on Tutankhamen's tomb yesterday after the customary break for the weekly market day, which also this time happened to be Christmas Day.

Howard Carter, having dismantled the first section of the roof of the canopy or outer shrine over Tutankhamen's sarcophagus, tackled the great wooden work that supports the linen pall over the second shrine. In the course of the operations, two alabaster tablets bearing the king's cartouches were discovered.

A party of over 300 guests, supplemented by tourists from the steamers moored in the Nile, celebrated Christmas at the Winter Palace Hotel.

## BODY OF MURDERER WHO ENDED HIS OWN LIFE WAS BURNED

Damariscotta, Me., Dec. 27.—County Attorney W. M. Hilton said yesterday he would ask the state for assistance and would "go the limit" in an effort to discover who dug up John Snow's body on Christmas Day and burned it in the cottage in Jefferson where Snow killed three women and sent a bullet into his own body on Saturday.

Referring to Snow as "a poor insane man," the county attorney expressed the opinion that superstitious people played a part in Tuesday's affair. He said he had learned some of the residents of that section of the country held to the belief that if the body of a murderer were burned the ghosts of his victims would not be uneasy.

## CANADIAN AUTHORS ARE TO OBSERVE U.S. COPYRIGHT RULES

Ottawa, Dec. 27 (Canadian Press).—A change which will affect Canadian authors wishing to copyright works in the United States is announced by Hon. T. A. Low, Minister of Trade and Commerce. In future those seeking copyright protection must comply with all requirements of the United States.

In his statement the Minister says: "From January 1, 1924, while the Canadian author is eligible to obtain full copyright protection for his work in the United States of America, it will be necessary for him to comply with all the requirements of the United States Copyright Act, which as typesetting, printing and binding within the territory of the United States of a book or periodical in the English language, also registration of any work at Washington and printing on the work the prescribed notice of copyright."

## VANCOUVER POLICE RECOVERS AFTER HIS STREET ACCIDENT

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Chief of Police James Anderson, who was severely injured in a collision between his automobile and a street car at Main and Front Streets on Christmas night, is reported to-day to be progressing favorably toward complete recovery. The symptoms of concussion of the brain are said to have diminished, and there is a probability that the patient will be removed to his home within a few days.

## U.S. REPORT ON COST OF LIVING

Washington, Dec. 27.—The cost of living in the United States was one-fifth lower in September of this year than it was in June, 1920, when the highest point in living costs since 1913 was reached. A decrease of 20.5 per cent. in the total cost of living in the United States as determined by a consolidation of the figures for thirty-two specified cities is shown in an announcement issued by the Bureau of Statistics.

The cost of living, however, was at almost three-quarters more than the 1913 average. September costs showing a 72.1 per cent. increase over the pre-war average.

In the total cost of living the bureau apportioned 38.2 per cent. of the total expenditure to food, 13.6 per cent. for clothing, 13.4 per cent. for housing, 5.3 per cent. for fuel and lighting, 5.1 per cent. for furniture and furnishings and 21.3 per cent. for miscellaneous purposes.

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## LIQUOR CUTS ARE PRICES IN ONTARIO

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Commencing January 2, according to a Government announcement, a substantial reduction will be made in the price of practically all the liquors sold by the Ontario Government dispensaries. The reduction per bottle for Scotch and Irish whiskies will be fifty cents and for Canadian twenty-five cents, with one exception. In the case of Canadian whiskies the recent increase in the sales tax will be absorbed.

The price, it is expected, will make a cut of approximately fifty per cent. in the net profit earned on the liquors sold by the dispensaries.

## TWELVE KILLED BY EARTH SHOCKS

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 27.—Twelve persons were killed in Huasabas, Sonora, Mexico, during the earthquake which struck December 18 and continued until December 24, according to a detailed report received here from the disaster zone. Survivors claim that in all about twenty-nine shocks were felt, the most severe occurring December 18 and the following morning. Huasabas was razed, according to the detailed report, not one of the many adobe houses having been left standing. It is estimated that twenty-nine houses were destroyed by the earthquake in the town of Granados, fifteen miles from Huasabas.

## MAN WAS KILLED

Calgary, Dec. 27.—Frank Gibson, thirty-three, died last evening of a fracture of the neck sustained in a street accident in the downtown section yesterday morning, when two taxis collided on a slippery snow-covered street.

## FEWER DEPUTIES

Paris, Dec. 27.—The Chamber of Deputies yesterday approved M. Loucheur's proposal to reduce the number of deputies from 520 to 591. The vote was 290 to 220.

## Church Union in Canada

# Canada Leads the World Toward Christian Unity

THROUGHOUT the English-speaking world, there is evidence of a drawing together of the Christian Churches and of a growing confidence in the desirability of Church Union. Canada is giving leadership, because our needs forced definite action. Here the subject has been carefully investigated and its realization has moved steadily forward for twenty years,

impelled by the necessity of facing in a more adequate way the pressing problems and wonderful opportunities of this great, new country.

Parliamentary and Legislative approval of the Union of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational Churches is designed to protect the rights of both unionists and minorities.

## All Essentials are Preserved

- 1 The creed of the United Church contains the "Doctrines of Grace" that made the Reformation.
- 2 No minister can be ordained in the United Church until he accepts the Church's creed.
- 3 The ordained eldership is retained in the United Church.
- 4 Congregations of the United Church have the right to "call" their own minister, subject to the Settlement Committee's approval, as Presbyterian Congregations are now subject to Presbytery.

When Anti-Unionists deny the above truths, it is only necessary to place their charges side by side with the provisions of the official "Basis of Union":—

## The Charges

(Quotations from advertisements of the Anti-Unionists)

1. "The Ministers will not be pledged to any system of truth."
2. "The ordained eldership will be dropped."
3. "The right of a congregation to 'call' its own Minister will be taken away."
4. "The right of a Presbytery to ordain and induct its Ministers will be taken away."

Each of the three uniting Churches is contributing to the others much that is beyond price in tradition, history, experience and in zeal for humanity. Let not any of us selfishly retain for our own enjoyment whatever in our glorious past may contribute to the spiritual advancement of others.

The religious life of the ordinary congregation or individual will be practically undisturbed by the Union. What we give up is as nothing compared with the potential value of Union in the building of the Kingdom in the sparsely-settled sections of our own country and in the vast missionary fields, in both of which our divisions have been a real hindrance. The eyes of the religious world are upon Canada. Let us show that we are worthy of leadership.

## The Joint Church Union Committee

Alfred Candier, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Geo. C. Pidgeon, Convener of Committee on Church Union of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

S. D. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church.

W. R. Young, Chairman of General Conference Committee of the Methodist Church.

J. W. Pedley, Chairman of the Congregational Committee on Church Union and Chairman of the Joint Church Union Committee.

Copies of the "Basis of Union" may be had on application to any one of the joint secretaries of the Church Union Committee: Rev. J. H. Edmison, D.D., Confederation Life Building, Toronto; Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D., Wesley Buildings, Toronto; or to Rev. W. H. Warriner, D.D., Congregational College, Montreal.

## The Facts

Before a minister can be ordained, he must "satisfy the examining body that he is in essential agreement with" "The Statement of Doctrine" of the United Church.

—See "Basis of Union"—page 26.

The oversight of the spiritual interests of each charge shall be entrusted to "the Minister or Ministers and a body of men specially chosen and set apart or ordained for that work, who shall jointly constitute the Session."

—See "Basis of Union"—page 26.

"Any pastoral charge, in view of a vacancy, may extend a call to any properly qualified Minister or Ministers." This is subject to the approval of the Settlement Committee, as now to Presbytery, the only difference being that, if the call fails, the Settlement Committee may send a Minister, a provision which will remedy the abuses of the present "call" system.

—See "Basis of Union"—page 24.

"It shall be the duty of the Presbytery to induct or install Ministers . . . to inquire, each year, into the personal character, doctrinal beliefs and general fitness of candidates for the ministry . . . to license them to preach and to recommend them for the ordination of the Conference."

—See "Basis of Union"—page 22.

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View Window Showing

## DR. PRICE REPORT NOT A SURPRISE

Calgary Pastors Who Support Evangelist Expected Adverse Declaration

One Points Out Only Twenty Cases Investigated

Calgary, Dec. 27.—Supporters of Rev. Dr. Charles S. Price, evangelist, at the report of the committee appointed by the Calgary Medical Association and the Calgary Ministerial Association to investigate the alleged cures of the faith healer during his campaign in Calgary, except that one pastor pointed out that only about twenty cases had been investigated. "I know that more than 500 persons were anointed by Dr. Price," said Captain the Rev. A. M. McCall, who assisted Dr. Price in his campaign. "It was astonishing to find that only about twenty cases were investigated," he added.

## CHURCH QUESTION ARISES IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 27.—It is understood the ministers of the Anglican Church who sympathize with Rev. Canon Lawrence Skeg, rector of St. Anne's Church here, in his stand that he is within his rights in having ministers of other Protestant denominations occupy his pulpit upon his own invitation, will call a meeting for the purpose of coming to some arrangement whereby a general interchange of pulpits by Anglican clergymen with those of other denominations would be permissible.

## NELSON CHINESE HANGED HIMSELF

Nelson, Dec. 27.—Dor Woy, a Chinese resident of Nelson for the last twenty years, committed suicide Christmas Day, his body being found hanging from a hook in the ceiling of the basement of a Chinese store. He himself put up the hook, and the rope was made of a red cloth, while his body was incased in corsets and a camisole.

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## ATLANTIC AMATEUR RADIO TESTS ARE CARRIED OUT

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 27.—The first stretch of the fourth transatlantic amateur radio test series organized by the American Radio Relay League found hundreds of amateurs in the United States and Canada listening with ease to transmitting stations in England, France and Holland.

With a huge pile of letters and telegrams yet to be sorted and verified, the league headquarters here announced to-day that nine British, five French and two Dutch sending stations had been heard by American amateurs. The amateur farthest west to report a European station was Royal V. Howard, of Eugene, Oregon, who heard French 8AB.

Except for the night of December 21, when there was some misunderstanding over the time of starting, the air has been fairly free from the interference of American transmitters.

## BODY FOUND IN HAMILTON, ONT.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 27.—A mutilated body found at the entrance of the Hunter Street tunnel of the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway was identified yesterday as that of George Wall, twenty-three, Hamilton. The police are investigating.

## MAPLE SYRUP MADE IN DECEMBER BY ONTARIO FARMER

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 27.—Fresh maple syrup made from sap gathered in his sugar bush three days previously formed part of the Christmas Day menu of a Grenville County farmer.

## AGED WOMAN DIED

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 27.—Within two months of reaching the age of 100, Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, one of the oldest residents of Leeds County, died yesterday at her home at Fairfax, Ont.

## One British Columbia Milk

In spite of the subtle propaganda to the contrary, there is only one kind of milk being put up in our Province, and that is Pacific Milk.

And it is a British Columbia product, from the milk inside the can to the box it is packed in.

**Pacific Milk Co., Limited**  
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Factories at Ladner and Abbotsford, B.C.

## COL. O. T. STONE DIED IN KASLO

Kaslo, Dec. 27.—The death has occurred here of Colonel O. T. Stone, pioneer resident of this district. He was born in St. John, N.B., and came to Kaslo more than thirty years ago, engaging in the mining and brokerage business. He was widely known throughout the Kootenays.

## TO BE TRIED

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 27.—Charged with sedition, Aveilino Velarde, known as "El Indio," and two companions were sent to Chihuahua City yesterday under guard for trial by a military court.







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**Gowns** of chiffon velvets, beaded and gold embroidered Georgette crepes, lustrous satins and Canton crepes. The shades presented are daffodil, jade, orchid, flame pale blue, silver, cherry, peach, henna, burnt orange, Saxe and turquoise. They are trimmed admirably with metallic flowers, ribbons, beads and laces and shown in straight line models with draped effects; sizes 16 to 44, at

**Evening Gowns**, including French models, artistically beaded and designed, silver lace model with jeweled girdle, silver tissue gowns shading to orchid, with handsome pearl and iridescent bead trimming. Orange velvet and gold tissue model in draped design. Finished with a cluster of gold flowers and many others just as beautiful and effective; sizes 16 to 44 at

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The woman who wishes quality combined with the best style will find her desire in these well designed English Jumpers. Some are designed in straight models with plain or mixed colors with crochet work around neck and sleeves and wide crochet band at bottom. Others are made in popular, crossover effects in all-over fancy weave and more elaborate designs in heavy crochet. Many beautiful shades are offered such as grey, navy, sand, nigger, tan, peach, black or white. The best possible values at

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—Blouses, First Floor

## Hosiery for Women Unsurpassed Values

**Women's Silk and Wool Hose**, with extra long leg, double hemmed top, shades fawn, blue and green mixtures. A pair ..... \$1.50  
**Women's Silk Thread Hose**, strong quality, with elastic lisle top; reinforced toes and heels. Shades white, black, brown, pearl grey, nude, otter, beaver, camel and dove. A pair ..... \$2.00  
**Women's Silk Clocked Hose**, with mercerized lisle top, reinforced heels and toes. A pair ..... \$2.50  
**Women's Silk and Wool Hose**, in ribbed effect with clocks. They have double garter hem and reinforced feet. Shades black, brown, beige and camel. A pair ..... \$2.50  
**Women's Pure Silk Hose**, full fashioned and with lace clocks, double garter hem and reinforced feet; shades grey, beige, black and brown. A pair ..... \$4.75

## Women's House Dresses Special Values To-morrow

Dresses of good grade gingham, in a large selection of colors. Some have collars and cuffs of organdie, others trimmed with plain chambray in contrasting shades. Special value at ..... \$1.98  
**Black Cretonne Dresses**, trimmed with cretonne; all sizes, neat styles and big values ..... \$1.98

**Chambray Dresses**, blue and mauve with cretonne trimmings. They are made with pockets and belt of self and trimmed with cretonne. At, each ..... \$1.25

**Crepe Dresses**, in all the new shades, including blue, orange, peach and mauve. Special, each ..... \$2.98  
—Whitewear, First Floor



## Children's Rain- capcs and Coats Values of Unusual Worth

**Children's Slicker Raincoats**, made double breasted, and with turn-down collar; shades are black and bronze. Sizes for the ages of 3 to 10 years. Special value, each ..... \$3.95  
**Raincapcs** of excellent material; fawn, Saxe and grey. They have lined hoods and are rainproof. Sizes for the ages of 4 to 14 years ..... \$2.95

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To-night at 7.45 o'clock the James Bay Methodist Church will hold their Sabbath School Christmas entertainment. The programme consists of carols and recitations followed by Dr. Van Dyke's "Story of the Other Wise Man," illustrated by stereopticon.

## CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The Salvation Army Sunday School will hold the annual Christmas entertainment to-night in the Broad Street Citadel, commencing at 7.45. A good programme has been prepared and the Junior Boys' Band will play.



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## IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN

## J.B.A.A. BALL WAS PLEASING FUNCTION

University of Washington Orchestra Was Feature of Dance

The annual ball, given under the auspices of the J.B.A.A., held last night at the Empress Hotel, proved one of the greatest social successes of the season.

The University of Washington orchestra, was in attendance, and the music rendered made the entertainment all the more enjoyable. It is estimated that approximately 250 couples were on the ball-room floor during the evening, dancing to the syncopated strains. Graham French, the leader of the orchestra, was in his proper element last night, and his singing and playing lent greater zest to the proceedings.

The affair was held under the patronage of His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Reginald Hayward, Brigadier-General R. P. Clark and Mrs. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cameron. The committee responsible for the arrangements was composed of the following: O. C. Walls, F. Frost, E. Money, J. Riddell, H. L. Johnson, V. Brendoff and R. Travis.

## FOR THE CHILDREN

## The Sandman Story For To-night

## THE BLUE NERED

Once long ago there were fifty mermaids who lived beneath the sea and sang together. They played all day among the breakers, their dresses as blue as the water and their faces white as the foam on the crest of waves. "Oh they sitting coral and agate and pearls to make themselves necklaces.

They were all very happy except one, and she used to creep up to the edge of the beach every day and watch a young fisher lad at his nets. She thought his dark hair and sun-burned face and brown arms were beautiful—much more beautiful than the green bodies of the mermen who swam beneath the sea.

But he would never look her way, this young fisher, although she lay in the water close to the bank of a little river where it joined the sea and called to him.

So time passed and gradually the fisher grew older and older and his brown, sturdy arms lost their strength and grew less brown and firm. His hair became white, too, and his face wrinkled. But it made no difference to the mermaid. She thought he was the most beautiful being in the world.

At last when he was a very old man he came to the side of the water and said, "Nered, I have heard you calling. If I come to you, will you give me back my lost youth?"

"Yes," cried the nered in her high silver voice. So the old fisher went into the waves and became young again. The nered took him to her beautiful country and gave him pearls with which to play, but the crafty fisher hid them in a cavern, for he was a selfish man and only had left, as he thought all the time, of his fishing and his little hut upon the shore, which he would make into a palace with the money which the pearls would buy.

One moonlit night he slipped from the cave beneath the sea, swam to the surface and went back to his hut. Of course, he did not realize how time had gone by, for so long a passage of time for the people who live beneath the sea. But as he walked up the beach he found his little hut had fallen in a heap of ruins and was gone. Even the pearls were forsaken and changed by time.

Now he was afraid and would have gone back into the water, but the sea people had discovered his flight and the theft of the pearls, and as he approached the waves a great sea monster rose in his path and breathed a flame upon him, so that he fled. The poor little fisher would have taken him back, but his friends would not let her, though she mourned him ever after. On windy nights it is said she can be heard calling at the edge of the sea to the lost fisher—who roams the world over carrying his pearls, ever young, but ever unhappy for the two worlds he has lost.



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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rant entertained at a jolly dance on Christmas night the guests at the Angela and a number of their friends, among whom were Lady McBride and the Misses McBride, Mrs. R. P. Richey, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ashburnham, and Miss Doreen Ashburnham, Mr. and Mrs. Teale, Major and Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. James Harvey, Mr. Bobby Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Baynes, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Goddard, Mr. and Mrs. Symonds, Mrs. Baldwin and Commander Baldwin of Kelowna, the Misses Marjorie Gwen and Audrey Rant, Tina Mowbray, Freda Waters, Dorothy Holt, Major Carey Martin, Capt. Mcintosh, Capt. McPhillips, Messrs. Holt, Alec McPhillips, H. Heatter, Harry Crane and others.

(Other Social News on page 18.)

Eighty happy children and their parents assembled yesterday afternoon at the naval barracks for the monster Christmas tree, which, loaded with bright and lovely things, was in the personal charge of that genial and hard-working old gentleman, Santa Claus. Gifts and a cheery word to each and every child, and at their ease, and music, and dancing vied with the attractions of the newly acquired toys in filling a very jolly programme. A singing contest for little girls was another delightful feature. Refreshments were served in the mess room before the happy party dispersed.

The Boys' Naval Brigade band under Bandmaster Rumsby gave a very fine programme during the proceedings.

Forty singing seamen were entertained on Christmas Day at the Sailors' Club, Esquimalt, when a delicious turkey dinner, with all that in a well regulated household accompanies the Yuletide feast, was served. A festive background of greenery and holly emphasized the Christmas season for these men so far from home.



## SOCIAL PERSONAL

Miss Lily Cronk, of Shawnigan Lake, is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Ella Phillips, of Nelson, is visiting in this city.

Mr. A. O'Meara spent Christmas with relatives at New Westminster.

Miss K. Scanlon, of the model school here, is at Nelson spending the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Fairbanks, of Spokane, are registered at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. Robert Cassidy, K.C. of Vancouver, has been a guest at the Union Club over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Gordon Paterson, of Ladner, is visiting in Victoria with his aunt, Mrs. T. W. Paterson, the Uplander.

In accordance with custom, Mr. O'W. W. W. kept Christmas with his relatives at New Westminster.

The Misses Annie and Grace Geddes, of Vancouver, spent the holiday in Victoria, visiting relatives.

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## AT THE THEATRES

### "Stepping Fast" New Vehicle at the Columbia

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"Stepping Fast," an adventurous story with scenes on two continents, is the latest picture in which the popular Tom Mix is the star. This William Fox production is now being shown at the Columbia Theatre. This picture will surely increase Tom's fan mail which now has reached a tremendous volume. Miss "Teddy" Eason, the popular secretary for Tom Mix out at the West Coast Studios, now has the services of an assistant and a deputy assistant secretary. Evidencing the constantly increasing Mix popularity, the noted star's fan mail has reached approximately 1,700 letters a day, making it physically impossible for Miss "Teddy" to read even a small percentage of the epistles. The young ladies who now assist Miss Eason give their entire time to opening and answering the Mix fan mail. The letters bear postmarks from every state in the Union, the various countries of Europe, South America, India, the Malay Straits Settlements, Indo-China, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

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Capitol—"Big Brother."  
Dominion—"The Call of the Canyon."  
Playhouse—"The Little Minister."

## Paramount Players Made Long Trip to Screen Film

A company of forty-one Paramount players left Los Angeles, Cal., for Flagstaff, Arizona, where scenes for "The Call of the Canyon," a Zane Grey production, were filmed in the country described in Mr. Grey's novel. This is the second time Paramount has undertaken a trip into unexplored country during the past few months to get authentic locations for Zane Grey productions. The first trip was for scenes in "The Last Man" which was filmed in the Tonto Basin, Arizona, 200 miles from a railway. The featured players in the production are Richard Dix, Lois Wilson and Marjorie Daw. Mr. Dix and Miss Wilson also played leading roles in "The Last Man." Heading the supporting cast are Noah Berry, Ricardo Cortez and Fred Huntley. The picture was directed by Victor Fleming. "The Call of the Canyon" which is showing at the Dominion Theatre all this week, tells the story of a definite phase in current American history following the great war when a wave of jazz swept over the world. Most of the scenes, however, are laid in the mountainous districts of the West. The picture is dramatic, thrilling and intensely appealing.

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## No Grease Paint Used in Picture Now at Capitol

Cosmetic dealers, who supply the grease paint for motion picture actors, would find business exceedingly dull if they had to depend on pictures such as Paramount's "Big Brother" for the replenishment of their coffers. Here is a production in which only one member of the entire cast uses make-up in interiors and two members in exterior scenes. Allan Dwan, directing the filming of the story, which is from the novel by Rex Beach and which is now playing at the Capitol Theatre, is the author of the idea, and it has proven an exceptional one. Most of the characters in the play are gangsters of New York's lower East side. In fact nearly all of the action takes place in that vicinity. So, in Mr. Dwan's opinion the exact characterizations could not be procured with the aid of make-up. Hence Tom Moore and others have no more cosmetic on their faces before the camera than they would have on Broadway.

Raymond Hatton, who plays the part of a dope fiend, is the only member of the cast to wear make-up throughout, which, of course, is necessary to get the correct characterization. Edith Roberts, playing the heroine, leads wears make-up only in the interior scenes.

## Betty Compson as Lady Babbie in "The Little Minister"

The apothecary shop where Sir James Babbie's mother used to go to get laudanum to put in Jimmy's ear, is shown in the picture version of "The Little Minister," starring Betty Compson for Paramount, with Betty Compson in the role of "Lady Babbie," which is being presented at the Playhouse. This little building is in the heart of the village of "Thrum." Sir James' birthplace, and the setting is used for several of his stories, was reproduced exactly from old photographs. George Hackathorne plays opposite the star and others in the supporting cast are Nigel Harrie, Will R. Williams, Guy Oliver, Fred Huntley, Robert Brower, Joseph Hazelton and Mary Wilkinson.

## Jackie Coogan Coming Here in Costly Picture

You'll find Jackie Coogan in "Long Live the King," which is being presented at the Dominion Theatre next Monday. Particular interest is attached to this latest film of the young star as it is his first production under the \$1,000,000 contract which was given him recently in addition to a half million dollar bonus by Metro Pictures Corporation.

"Long Live the King" was only recently completed at Hollywood and its engagement at the Dominion Theatre is among the early dates allotted to the young star. The plot is set in the mythical Balkan kingdom of Lavinia and hinges around the escapades of the little Crown Prince (played by Jackie), who is beset by a band of terrorists who threaten to seize the Government. The book is fascinatingly told, filled with romance and excitement which furnish the atmosphere of "Long Live the King" and which surround Jackie with regal splendor.

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## The Balance of Our Woolen Piece-Goods to Clear at Half-Price and Less

### Cream Coatings

Original Prices	Closing-Out Prices
\$2.95	\$1.47½
\$4.50	\$2.25
\$4.95	\$2.47½

### Cream Bearcloth

Original Prices	Closing-Out Prices
\$7.50	\$3.75
Cream Nun's Cloth, 40 inches wide.	\$4.35
Originally \$1.95.	\$2.25
97½¢.	\$4.95
Cream Cashmere, 42 inches wide.	\$5.50
Originally \$2.95.	\$2.97½
	\$3.47½

### OTHER LINES ON SALE INCLUDE

WOOL VELOURS, TRICOTINE, BROAD-CLOTHS, SERGES, CREAM FLANNELS.

### All-Wool Jersey Cloth

Plain colors and heather effects, 54 inches wide.	Originally	Closing-Out Prices
	\$2.75	\$1.37½
	\$2.50	\$1.25

### Flannels

54 inches wide, in oriol, primrose, paddy, jade, apricot, scarlet, cherry and henna.	Originally	Closing-Out Prices
	\$3.50	\$1.75
	\$2.35	\$1.17½
	\$5.50	\$1.95

THE ENTIRE STOCK OF INFANTS' AND CHILDREN'S WEAR TO BE CLEARED AT HALF PRICE AND LESS.

THE BALANCE OF OUR MILLINERY GROUPED TO CLEAR AT \$2.95 AND \$6.50 A fraction of its original value.

## "The Perfect Fool" Coming to Royal Is Laughing Riot

Ed Wynn, "The Perfect Fool," in his newest up-to-date musical musical and laughing riot, comes to the Royal Victoria Theatre, Victoria, two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, January 9 and 10.

A. L. Erlanger, in association with B. C. Whittier, feel confident that this clever comedian, who leaped to stardom two seasons ago with his "Carnival" has gone himself one better in this—his newest and best offering, "The Perfect Fool." It is a merry mixture of clean, wholesome comedy, melodies of the jingling whistle sort, the zenith of new unique terpsichorean novelties, tunes to dazzle milady's eye, scenic embellishment of gorgeous splendor in the two acts and nineteen scenes and a host of surprises concocted by Ed Wynn, who is also responsible for the book and lyrics. In the unfolding of the many ludicrous situations and scenes, Wynn is seen in various kaleidoscopic antics and a series of inartistic stunts. Julian Mitchell has staged the production carrying out Wynn's ideas in his masterly manner. Antonio Bufanno will have an augmented orchestra to properly look after the score, and an unusually large chorus of pretty girls will assist in the Wynn style of entertainment.

## Sousa's Band Has Real Arab Sheik on Tour

Rodolph Valentino is Outshone by Gerald Byrne, Who Longs For Desert

Rodolph Valentino only made believe when he assumed the role of an Arab chieftain in the motion picture presentation of the erratic tale, "The Sheik." But Gerald Byrne, now with Sousa's Band, has had the actual experiences of the life of the man of the desert.

He received a letter from an old friend, which said, "Your comrades are waiting for you. Come to us. We have your favorite horse with our tribe. (Signed) Safar." So Byrne is once more torn between his love for his musical career—for he is the French horn soloist, and a fine one too—and his desire to be back with the old friends of his boyhood days.

When Sousa's Band closes its present tour, he may again don the picturesque and comfortable garb of the Arab.

As to how he became an Arab—but let Byrne tell it: "My first acquaintance with the Arabs came when I was little more than a baby," says Byrne. "My father was first master gunner of the Royal Garrison Ar-

tillery at Aden, where I was born in 1896. One day I wandered away from home and was picked up by a band of desert wanderers. For several years I stayed with the tribe, playing with the Arab children and living as one of them. Then, one day, I was seen by some people who recognized me as the long-lost Gerald Byrne. The result was an attack upon the band by soldiers and several Arabs were wounded. Of course I was rescued and my father and my mother were supremely happy.

"Afterwards I lived in India, Gibraltar and other distant lands, but I went to school in Ireland, where I was given a good musical education. But the call of the desert was strong in me, and when I became of age I went back to Arabia to find the man whom I had learned to respect and admire. They welcomed me as a brother, and I went out with them on many an expedition, adopting their dress, living as they did, in the open, and gradually taking upon me the appearance of a desert dweller.

Gerald Byrne, this musician who is called 'The Sheik of Sousa's Band,' is a handsome chap. His rugged life in the open has given him a romantic appearance. But his heart is far away, and as yet unoccupied by thought for any save his beautiful horse, his music and his art—for he is a painter as well as a musician.

And the freedom of the desert life is calling him again. Sousa's Band will appear at the Royal Victoria Theatre for a matinee and evening performance on Saturday, Dec. 28.



# OCEAN AND COASTWISE SHIPPING

## AUTHOR HAD TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE IN STORM

**Air Pumps Burst Just When Power Was Needed By Vessel; Ship Was Adrift in Fifty-Mile Gale; Yarrrows Will Effect Repairs; Ship Has 250 Tons of Cargo For Victoria**

After battling with a fifty-mile-an-hour gale which threatened to dash her on the rocks, the Harrison-Direct steamship Author, outbound from the United Kingdom with 300 tons of cargo for Victoria, docked here this morning in tow of the Seattle tug Sea Monarch.

Captain Kinlock, who is making the first trip to this coast on the Author, reported one of the stormiest trips he has had for years just off Gray's Harbor.

The wind was blowing a full gale toward 10 o'clock on Christmas Eve when the air pump burst, dislocating the main steam feed pipe.

The vessel was left helpless twenty-six miles off shore.

The engineers, aware of the peril, worked against time to make temporary repairs to the air pump and feed pipe.

The ship meanwhile was steadily drifting towards shore, helped by the strong gale.

**WIND CHANGED**

The wind veered around and before midnight was blowing offshore.

The engineers eventually succeeded in repairing the air pump and feed pipe sufficiently to get two knots an hour out of the vessel.

The calls for assistance, which were answered by the Sea Monarch and Glenchey, were sent out during the storm. The Sea Monarch reached the Author yesterday shortly after 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

**TO BE REPAIRED**

While the Author is here she will have a new pump installed, and her feed pipe repaired. Yarrrows will do the work, while in the meantime the Author will discharge 250 tons of general cargo, later taking on 2,000 cases of whale meat and a large consignment of lumber. She will then proceed to Vancouver, and from there to Seattle and other Puget Sound ports.

The Author left Liverpool on November 19 and did not experience stormy weather until she came to this coast. Captain Kinlock, who is in command, is making his first trip to this coast on the Author.

The vessel left San Francisco several days ago, after discharging general cargo. The liquor consignment that was spoken of as being aboard the Author is aboard the steamship Colonial, which is coming direct to Victoria.

### TIDES AT VICTORIA

Day	Time of High Water	Time of Low Water	Time of High Water	Time of Low Water
1	2:01	8:10	2:01	8:10
2	2:44	7:28	2:44	7:28
3	3:28	6:46	3:28	6:46
4	4:12	6:04	4:12	6:04
5	4:56	5:22	4:56	5:22
6	5:40	4:40	5:40	4:40
7	6:24	3:58	6:24	3:58
8	7:08	3:16	7:08	3:16
9	7:52	2:34	7:52	2:34
10	8:36	1:52	8:36	1:52
11	9:20	1:10	9:20	1:10
12	10:04	1:28	10:04	1:28
13	10:48	1:46	10:48	1:46
14	11:32	2:04	11:32	2:04
15	12:16	2:22	12:16	2:22
16	1:00	2:40	1:00	2:40
17	1:44	2:58	1:44	2:58
18	2:28	3:16	2:28	3:16
19	3:12	3:34	3:12	3:34
20	3:56	3:52	3:56	3:52
21	4:40	4:10	4:40	4:10
22	5:24	4:28	5:24	4:28
23	6:08	4:46	6:08	4:46
24	6:52	5:04	6:52	5:04
25	7:36	5:22	7:36	5:22
26	8:20	5:40	8:20	5:40
27	9:04	5:58	9:04	5:58
28	9:48	6:16	9:48	6:16
29	10:32	6:34	10:32	6:34
30	11:16	6:52	11:16	6:52
31	12:00	7:10	12:00	7:10

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 6 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for high water are distinguished by high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

### DIED IN ROME

Rome, Dec. 27.—The death was announced today of Senor Rafael Errazuriz, Chilean Ambassador to the Vatican.

### Trans-Atlantic Trans-Pacific

## OCEAN SERVICES ALL LINES

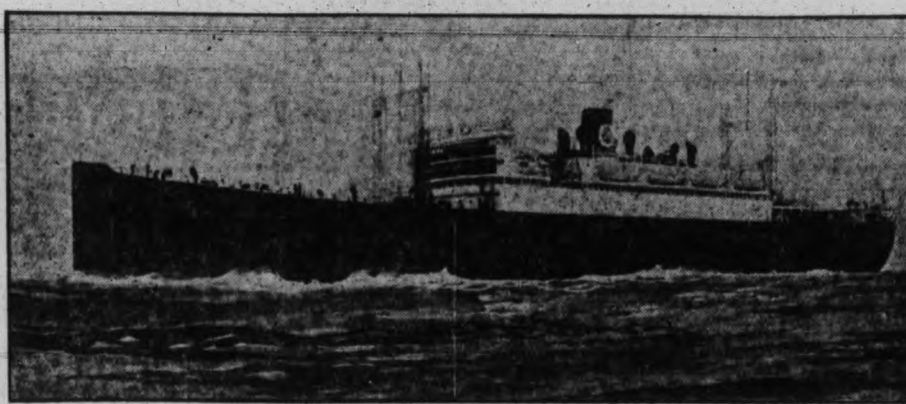
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## LOCAL SHIPYARDS BUSY ON REPAIRS

**Lompoc Here For Two Weeks' Work; Princess Mary Will Get New Blade**

Considerable repair work will be carried on at the local shipyards during next week. The Lompoc, which was dry-docked today, will be here some two weeks for engine room and deck repairs. She will also be cleaned and painted while in drydock, and will later move to the Yarrrows wharf to complete repairs. Yarrrows, Ltd., are handling the contract. This job is the biggest that has been here for some time. Yarrrows are also expecting another drydock job soon. The name of the vessel, however, has not yet been announced.

The B. C. Cement Company's ship Teeco was hauled out on the marina railway today at Yarrrows for engine room repairs. She will be there about two days.

The Victoria Machinery Depot reported the Princess Mary due to-morrow for a new blade. She dropped one of her propeller blades in the strait just before Christmas. The Redfern is expected Saturday, they report, for engine repairs.

**LATEST MOVEMENTS OF C.G.M.M. SHIPS**

Canadian Britisher arrived Calcutta Dec. 6.

Canadian Freighters left Vancouver for Yokohama and Shanghai Nov. 24.

Canadian Highlander left Kobe for Vancouver Dec. 11.

Canadian Importer arrived Vancouver Dec. 13 (Hastings Mill).

Canadian Investor left Brisbane for New York Dec. 15.

Canadian Prospector left Colon for Norfolk Dec. 17.

Canadian Seigneur left Sydney for Vancouver Dec. 12.

Canadian Scottish arrived Vancouver Dec. 19 (southwest side Ballantyne Pier).

Canadian Skirmisher arrived Vancouver Nov. 28 (northwest side Ballantyne Pier).

Canadian Transporter arrived Yokohama Dec. 2.

Canadian Traveller arrived Sydney Dec. 15.

Canadian Winner left Norfolk for United Kingdom Dec. 10.

Canadian Farmer left Astoria for Pedro Dec. 17.

Canadian Observer arrived Ocean Falls Dec. 2.

Canadian Rover left San Francisco for Vancouver direct Dec. 17.

Canadian Volunteer left San Francisco for Vancouver Dec. 16.

## Jackson is Due Here Saturday

The President Jackson, of the Admiral Line, is expected here Saturday according to advice received at the local office. She has 250 passengers and a big cargo this trip. She has 600 tons of cargo for Victoria and some 130 bags of mail. The Dorothy Alexander will leave to-night at 9 o'clock for California ports with a fair cargo and passenger list.

## Salvor Leaves to Locate Tug Tyee

The Pacific Salvage Company's steamship Salvor was sent to the scene of the Tyee wreck at 8 o'clock this morning to salvage the scow and to locate the tug. As to whether the tug will be salvaged it has not yet been ascertained. It is thought, however, that once the tug is located there will be no difficulty in salvaging it.

## Matsonia Sailed With Small List

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—The Matson liner Matsonia sailed yesterday for the Hawaiian Islands with 143 first cabin passengers, an unusually small list due to the fact that it was the day after Christmas, officials said. Bookings for the January sailings of vessels are well over the 200 mark. T. A. Graham, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, arrived here yesterday from New York, where it was understood he conferred with directors of the company with reference to the policy to be pursued affecting the five liners operated by the company out of this port for the account of the Government in the transpacific trade. He issued no statement.

The McCormack Steamship Company will take over the freight and passenger agencies of the Munson Line service to Cuba, the West Indies, Mexico and South America on the Pacific Coast, effective January 1. Stanton and Berry now are Pacific Coast agents for the line. The T.K.K. liner Shinyo Maru sailed yesterday noon for the Orient with 350 passengers of all classes and a full cargo.

## SANTA REMEMBERS CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL

**Daughters of Pity Hold Annual Christmas Tree For Little Sufferers**

One place in Victoria where the most eager anticipations and delighted greetings always await the arrival of Santa Claus is the children's ward of the Royal Jubilee Hospital. Christmas Eve is a looked-for joy that banishes much pain and weariness, and this year was no exception to the general rule. Long before the hour of Santa's arrival, mysterious preparations had been afoot which roused even the drowsiest little patient to the supreme height of expectancy. Holly and evergreens wreathed the wards, and twinkling blue and red lights added to the glamor of the scene. When at last the magic hour arrived a giant Christmas tree stood revealed in the centre of the ward, its fairy lights, multi-colored tinsel garlands and loads of jolly toys drawing entranced sighs of delight from the surrounding beds. Grown-up visitors arrived to see the pretty ceremony of distribution, among them being Mr. Geo. McGregor, president of the Hospital Board, and other members of the directorate. Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Mrs. Drake, Roberts, Conyers and Brown, Dr. Pearce, hospital superintendent, and Miss Gregory Allen, acting lady superintendent. Nurses and patients from other wards also arrived and favored relatives of the little ones.

Santa, however, was the cynosure of all eyes as he cleared the glittering branches and distributed the big parcels that were heaped round the tree.

All was joy and excitement, sleepy eyes kept open by the miraculous Christmas spirit of peace and good will. The dear old carols were not forgotten, the nurses circling the tree with lighted candles and singing many favorites, while two or three trips, and a charming recitation by a small girl added to the merry programme.

The beautiful tree with its load of handsome gifts and the festive decoration of the wards and corridors was the work of the Daughters of Pity, whose untiring efforts have lightened the lot of many a little patient at the hospital, and beguiled hours of sickness with Christmas joy for many years past.

### VESSEL MOVEMENTS

Seattle, Dec. 26—Arrived: Phyllis, Point Wells; Indian, Dorothy Alexander, Tacoma; Margaret, Dollar, Port Blakely; Salsbury, Doris Alexander, Glymont, Alabama Maru, Tacoma; J. Luckenbach, San Francisco; Sachsen, Portland.

Bellingham, Dec. 26—Arrived: Phyllis, San Francisco.

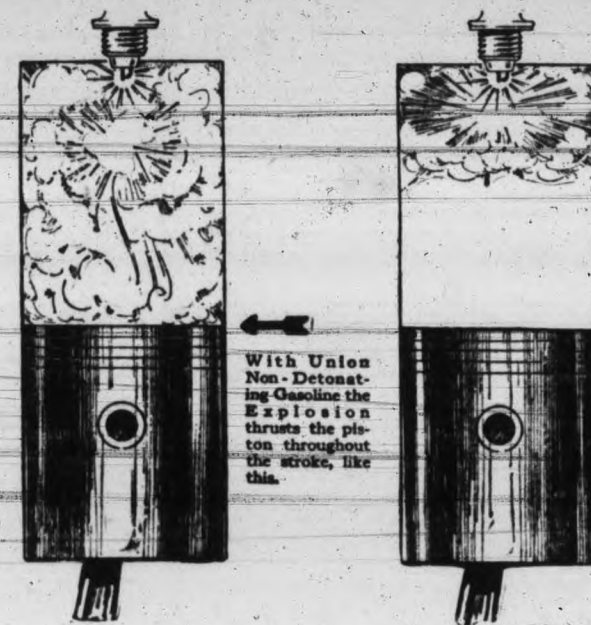
Tacoma, Dec. 26—Arrived: Dorothy Alexander, San Francisco. Sailed: Indian, Dorothy Alexander, Seattle; Portland, Dec. 26—Arrived: An-

nette, Ralph, San Francisco; Col. J. L. Drake, Los Angeles; West Cayote, Orient. Sailed: Admiral Evans, Ross City, San Francisco; Peter Kerr, Puget Sound.

Nagoya, Dec. 22—Arrived: Sunland, Seattle.

San Francisco, Dec. 26—Arrived: Wapama, Everett; American, Philadelphia; Ipswich, Baltimore; Mauna, All, Hilo. Sailed: Frank G. Drum, Astoria, Matsonia, Honolulu; Doris Crane, Fanning Island; Vega, Manila.

A special Christmas fare will be served to-day at dinner hours from 5.30 to 8 at the Strathcona Hotel, and special dinners will be continued until New Year's Day.



# Non-Detonating Gasoline Works a Full Stroke

Gasolines explode in two ways. One kind explodes with a crash. It **detonates**.

The piston receives but a single smashing impulse for each stroke. The power of the explosion is over before the piston is half way down the full length of its stroke.

Due to the tendency to explode prematurely, **detonating** gasoline limits compression in your cylinders.

It causes much of the "knocking" you notice on hills. And the repeated crashing blows increase vibration, thus increasing wear and tear.

## The Sustained Explosion

The explosion from Union Gasoline is of the **other kind**. It is sharp but sustained—non-detonating. It gives impulse to the piston for the **full length** of the stroke.

Power and efficiency are increased as a result of increased compression, because, as all authorities know, non-detonation permits added compression.

## New Speed

This added smoother power means a new "lift" on hills. You take grades with a rush. Your motor doesn't "knock."

There's more snap in your pickup and new speed on the level. Vibration is reduced, which saves wear and tear. Fuel mileage is increased due to better efficiency all around.

So there are ample reasons for selecting Union Non-Detonating Gasoline.

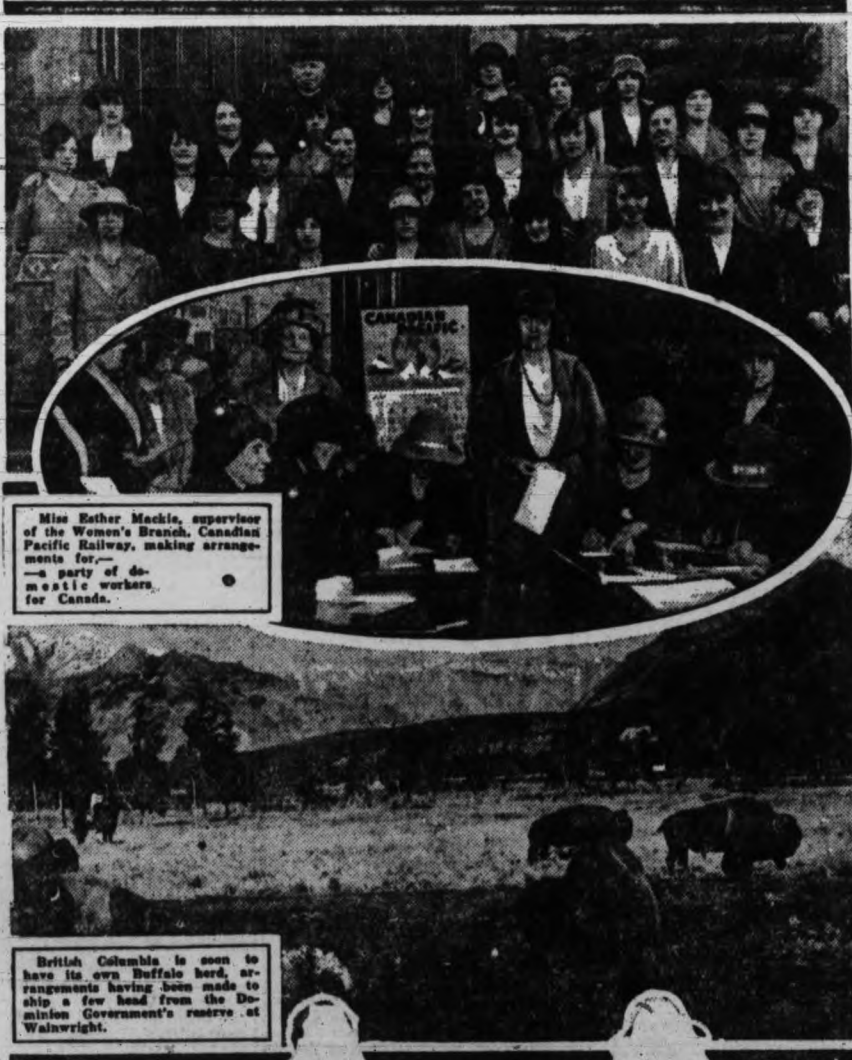
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Made in Canada



Miss Esther Mackie, supervisor of the Women's Branch, Canadian Pacific Railway, making arrangements for a party of domestic workers for Canada.

British Columbia is soon to have its own Buffalo herd, arrangements having been made to ship a few head from the Dominion Government's reserve at Wainwright.

### Puget Sound Navigation Co.

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Leaves C.P.R. Wharf daily except Sunday at 10.15 a.m. for Port Angeles, Dungeness, Port Townsend and Seattle, arriving Seattle 6.45 p.m. Returning, leaves Seattle daily except Saturday, at midnight, arriving Victoria 3.15 a.m.

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## Ss. Prince George

Leaves Vancouver 11 a.m., calling at POWELL RIVER, SWANSON BAY, STEWART, OCEAN FALLS, PRINCE RUPERT, ANAC.

Ss. Prince John Leaves Vancouver 4.00 p.m., December 25, and fortnightly thereafter for QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS AND PRINCE RUPERT

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Toronto, Dec. 27. — After hearing counsel for the Crown and for the accused former directors and officials of the Home Bank this morning, Mr. Justice Ferguson adjourned his decision upon the application by the

Attorney-General of Ontario for a while they lived.







# Four Big Special Selling Events Continue To-morrow

Year-End Sale of Women's and Children's Ready-to-Wear, Year-End Sale of Millinery, Year-End Sale of Women's Footwear and Year-End Sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing. Note Also the Unusually Attractive List of

## Year-End Sale of Men's Suits and Overcoats



**Men's Suits With Two Pairs of Pants**

**\$19.85**

Just about 65 suits in the lot, comprising tweeds in all shades and also all-wool Irish serges. Smart models and every suit carefully tailored and trimmed; all sizes in the lot; values to \$25.00. Year-End Sale.

**\$19.85**

—Main Floor

## 100 Men's High-Grade Suits at \$24.95 Each

Smart two and three-button models in the best of imported tweeds also a few worsteds. All carefully tailored and lined with the best of materials; all sizes here; values to \$35.00. Year-End Sale.

**\$24.95**

—Main Floor

## Men's English Overcoats

at Year-End Sale Prices

Made from all-wool grey overcoatings and lined with all-wool polo cloth. Smart plain back, single breasted coats, suitable for walking or driving; all sizes; value \$25.00. Year-End Sale.

**\$19.85**

## Men's English Gaberdine Coats

Double-breasted models with button on separate wool lining, also interlined with oiled cotton to make waterproof. The best coat for winter wear; all sizes; value \$25.00. Year-End Sale.

**\$19.85**

—Main Floor

## Men's Rubberized Tweed Coats

Looks just like a tweed coat on the outside, heavily rubberized to make waterproof. Shown in dark grey and brown shades in belted models; all sizes.

**\$7.95**

—Main Floor



## Boys' Suits With Extra Pants

Sixty-six suits, tailored from strong union and all-wool tweeds, in grey, brown and fawn. Smart belted coats, with two pairs of full lined pants; sizes to fit boys 8 to 15 years; value \$9.95. Year-End Sale, with extra pair of bloomers.

**\$5.95**

—Main Floor

## Boys' Straight Knee Pants

Strong quality grey, Tweed Pants lined throughout with white (will cotton); will give good school wear; sizes to fit boys 4 to 13 years; value \$1.59.

**95c**

—Main Floor

## Boys' Waterproof Tweed and Paramatta Coats

Smart belted models in fawn and dark grey shades. Made from excellent quality waterproof tweed and paramatta cloth in sizes to fit boys 8 to 15 years; value \$6.95.

**\$4.95**

—Main Floor

# FRIDAY BARGAINS

Buy New Year Gifts Now at These Big Savings

## Children's "Teddy Bear" Suits Special, \$3.98

Made from soft quality brushed wool consists of coat, sweater, overalls, cap and mitts, in shades of grey, scarlet, Saxe and nigger brown. A cozy suit for the cold days. Special at

**\$3.98**

## Boys' English Jerseys

Polo Cloth Jerseys, in well knit wool with cotton thread, in dark grey and navy shades; sizes to fit boys 8 to 12 years. Friday Bargain, each

**\$1.29**

—Main Floor

## Boys' or Girls' Covert Reefers

Smart Covert Cloth Reefers in the popular reefer style; suitable for boys or girls; sizes 4 to 12 years; 16 only. Values to \$10.50. Friday Bargain

**\$5.95**

—Main Floor



## A Bargain in Women's Hose

Broken assortment of Women's Hose, including wool hose in black and brown and coating heather mixtures; also fibre silk hose in black and brown; well reinforced and with wide hem tops; sizes 8 1/2 to 19; values \$1.25. Special at, per pair

**89c**

—Main Floor

## Women's Mocha Gloves

Fleece-lined Mocha Gloves with one dome fastener, pique sewn seams and self points in colors of tan and grey only; sizes 6 1/2 to 8 1/2. Special at, per pair

**\$1.59**

—Main Floor

## A Handkerchief Special

Women's plain white Lawn Handkerchiefs with hemstitched border. Special at

**6 for 29c**

—Main Floor

## Year-End Millinery Sale

Hundreds of Beautiful Winter Hats Selling at One-Third and One-Half Regular Prices

Ready-to-Wear Hats	Trimmed Hats
Values to \$5.00. Year-End Sale..	Values to \$12.50. Year-End Sale..
<b>\$1.50</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
Semi-Trimmed Hats	Values to \$15.00. Year-End Sale..
Values to \$8.50. Year-End Sale..	Values to \$25.00. Year-End Sale..
<b>\$2.50</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
Values to \$10.00. Year-End Sale..	
<b>\$3.50</b>	

—Second Floor

## Oxfords, Strap Shoes and Lace Boots At Year-End Reductions

Women's Smart Oxfords and Strap Pumps, \$4.98	Women's Boots \$4.98
Footwear in popular styles, in patent leather, black, kid, tan, Russia, calfskin and black Russia calf. A fine selection in sandals, Oxfords and one-strap pumps with low, Cuban and military heels; sizes 2 1/2 to 7. Year-End Sale Price, pair	Smart Street Boots in tan Russian calfskin, 9-inch lace style, plain or Brogue effect, welted soles and Cuban heels; sizes 2 1/2 to 5. Year-End Sale, per pair
<b>\$4.98</b>	<b>\$4.98</b>
Women's Grey Shoes \$3.98	Women's Dress Oxfords and Strap Pumps \$5.98
Included in this group are Grey Suede Brogues, Grey Buck Oxfords, One-Strap and Nandal Strap Slippers in the latest cut out effects with covered heels in Spanish or low sandal effect; sizes 3 to 7. Year-End Sale, per pair	A wide range of dress and walking styles, including black kid, brown calfskin, black satin and patent leather Oxfords and strap pumps with welted and turn soles, Cuban Spanish and French heels; sizes 3 to 8. Year-End Sale, per pair
<b>\$3.98</b>	<b>\$5.98</b>

—Main Floor

## Girls' Coats and Dresses At Much Below Marked Prices

Children's Coats, Special \$3.98	Girls' Trench Coats, Special \$6.98	Girls' Winter Coats, Special \$6.98
Warm and durable, made from good quality blanket cloth, lined throughout, in straight or belted styles; in shades of rose and Saxe; values to \$5.50. Year-End Sale	"British Make" of splendid quality gaberdine, full plaid lining, convertible collar, slash pockets and all-round belt; in tan only; sizes 8 to 14 years; values to \$10.50. Year-End Sale	Smart Coats in blanket cloth, novelty back with belt in front, fur collar and cuffs; sizes 6 and 7 years. Other smart styles in velour and blanket cloth, trimmed with cable stitching and embroidery, convertible collar, slash pockets and all-round belt, in shades of sand, reindeer and brown; sizes 6 to 10 years; values to \$10.50. Year-End Sale
<b>\$3.98</b>	<b>\$6.98</b>	<b>\$6.98</b>

—Second Floor

## Special Aluminum Sale

A large shipment of Aluminum Kitchen Utensils intended for our Christmas trade has only just arrived. We don't wish to carry these over have marked them at specially low prices to clear.

200 Heavy Aluminum Tea Strainers	150 Aluminum Cake Turners	Aluminum Dessert Forks
To rest on cup. Price 15c	Price 25c	Per dozen 75c
400 Aluminum Basting Spoons	150 Aluminum Basting Spoons	Aluminum Dessert Spoons
10 and 12 inches. Price 15c	Extra large. Price 25c	Per dozen 75c
200 Aluminum Slotted Mixing Spoons	100 Aluminum Ladles	Aluminum Table Forks
Price 15c	Large size. Price 40c	Per dozen 85c
	Aluminum Tea Spoons	Aluminum Table Spoons
	Per dozen 50c	Per dozen 85c

—Lower Main Floor

## Pure Wool Navy Serge, 98c Yard

Only a limited quantity of this Pure Wool Navy Serge in a width which will cut to good advantage: 54 inches wide; value \$1.50. Friday Bargain, per yard

**98c**

—Main Floor

## Black Paillette Silk, \$1.19 Yard

In a weight for dresses, blouses and other purposes. Rich deep shade of black; 36 inches wide; value \$1.79. Friday Bargain, per yard

**\$1.19**

—Main Floor

## A BARGAIN IN Gingham and Pongee Cotton Shirtings

Ginghams in block checks and plaid designs. Pongee Shirtings in neat stripes; note the width 32 inches; value 50c. Friday Bargain, per yard

**29c**

—Main Floor

## White Flannelette

Woven from pure yarns of great durability with the soft velvet finish so much desired; 36 inches wide; value 50c. Friday Bargain, per yard

**37c**

—Main Floor

## Women's Flannelette Nightgowns

Made from soft quality white flannelette with round neck, kimono sleeves and front neatly shirred. Excellent value. Special at

**89c**

—Main Floor

## Women's Flannelette Pyjamas

Two-piece style in heavy quality flannelette in neat stripes of blue and white and pink and white. Special at

**\$2.49**

—Second Floor

## Women's Combinations

Made from good quality Egyptian combed cotton and fleece-lined cotton in opera top, strap shoulders, short sleeves and knee length. Also V neck, short sleeves, knee or ankle length; high neck, long sleeves and ankle length; sizes 34 to extra out-sizes; value \$2.50. Special at, per suit

**\$1.98**

—Second Floor

## Purity Groceries Delivered to Your Door

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Hudson's Bay Company's Seal of Quality Creamery Butter, per pound.....	49c
3 pounds for.....	\$1.47
No. 1 Quality Creamery Butter, per lb.....	51c
3 pounds for.....	\$1.53
Pure Bulk Lard, per pound.....	24c
3 pounds for.....	72c
Finest Smoked Picnic Ham, per pound.....	24c
25 Finest Smoked Cottage Roll, per pound.....	23c
Sweet Pickled Picnic Ham, per pound.....	19c
Sweet Pickled Cottage Roll, per pound.....	21c
Mild Canadian Cheese, per pound.....	30c
Little Pig Pork Sausages, per pound.....	35c
Hudson's Bay Company's Special Breakfast Tea, per pound.....	55c
3 pounds for.....	\$1.65
Freshly Roasted Pure Ground Coffee, per pound.....	1.60
3 pounds for.....	\$4.80
Very Fine Quality Pure Cocoa, pound.....	1.00
3 pounds for.....	3.00
King Oscar Brand Sardines, per tin.....	35c
Finest Quality New Smyrna Figs, per pound, 40c, 45c and.....	50c
Imported Malaga Raisins, per packet, 40c, 50c and.....	60c
Golden Hollow Dates, per pound.....	10c
Finest Quality Table Fard Dates, pound.....	35c
Choice Quality New Season's White Cooking Figs, 2 pounds for.....	25c
Extra Choice Quality Evaporated Apricots, per pound.....	15c

—Lower Main Floor

## Extraordinary Bargains in Women's Fur-trimmed Coats

Values to \$25.00 for \$15.95

Women's and Misses' Coats in smart styles, made from good quality velour and blanket cloth in wrap around and belted models, crushable collars of beaverette fur, trimmed with cable stitching, full lined. Come in reindeer, new blue, brown, navy, sand and black; sizes 16 to 40. Values to \$25. Year-End Sale

**\$15.95**

—Main Floor

## Values to \$39.50 for \$24.95

Stylish models of velour cloth, trimmed in the season's newest effects; long, roll and choker collars with deep cuffs of beaverine full lined; in all the popular shades; sizes to 40; values to \$39.50. Year-End Sale

**\$24.95**

—Main Floor

## Values to \$49.50 for \$33.95

All the newest models in straight and wrap-around styles, with large sleeves, new collars and deep cuffs of beaverine; made from all-wool fabrics such as velour, Holivia and Marvella cloth, in styles and sizes suitable for women and misses; in the season's newest shades; sizes 16 to 40; values to \$49.50. Year-End Sale

**\$33.95**

—Main Floor

## Salts Seal Plush Coats

Values to \$49.50 for \$24.75

Made from excellent quality "Salts" seal plush, guaranteed not to spot with rain; full back models with narrow belt in front, large sleeves finished with deep cuffs, soft crushable collars. Full-lined; sizes 38 to 46; values to \$49.50. Year-End Sale

**\$24.75**

—Main Floor

## Another group of these smart Coats with large choker and long roll collars of dyed opossum, full lined; sizes to 46; values to \$69.50. Year-End Sale

**\$34.75**

—Main Floor

## Women's Piccadilly Trench Coats \$9.98

Made from good quality khaki gaberdine, 18 fawn shade only. Loose back models with all-round belt, two-way collar, set-in sleeves, double breast trimmed with leather buttons, full lined; sizes to 46. Suitable for all kinds of weather; values to \$15.00. Year-End Sale

**\$9.98**

—Main Floor

## Sports and Tailored Skirts, \$5.95

In striped, checked and plain materials such as wool crepe, gaberdine, homespun and prunella cloth. Tailored and pleated styles in combination colors; suitable for street, golf and skating; waist sizes 26 to 32. Values to \$9.75. Year-End Sale

**\$5.95**

—Main Floor

## Afternoon Frocks

Values to \$35.00 for \$18.95

Smart new models featuring long graceful lines, with straight and irregular skirt hems, pleated panels, novelty girdles, new necks and sleeves, in materials of flat and Canton crepe, and taffeta. Suitable for afternoon and informal wear; in black, navy, brown and cocoa; sizes 17, 18 and 20; values to \$35.00. Year-End Sale

**\$18.95**

—Second Floor

## Handsome French Tunics at Substantial Reductions

Our entire stock of French Tunics has been reduced in price. They come in lovely beaded and sequin effects in black, ivory and iridescent effects. Values to \$17.50. Sale Price

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# THE TIMES DAILY PICTURE PAGE



**MEXICAN TROOPS.**—Mexico is in the throes of another of her perennial political crises. Government troops are shown on the march.



**STEPHEN PICHON,** former Foreign Minister for France, has returned to public life, after three years in a sanitarium, following a nervous breakdown.



**ITALIAN FLOOD KILLS HUNDREDS.**—More than 700 persons are reported to have lost their lives in floods around Bergamo, Italy. Photo shows a view of wreckage.



**THE BUFFALO HERD AT WAINWRIGHT,** Alberta, are in a normal state once more, following the recent slaughter which was filmed for motion picture purposes.

**SCHOOL DAYS** By DWIG



**HIGHEST!**—New York is soon to see, it is reported, a new church building which will reach higher in the air than the Woolworth Building now does. It will be called the "Broadway Temple," and will be situated on Broadway near 173rd street. The announcement was made by an official of the Chelsea M. E. Church.



**BEAUTY.**—Mlle. Germaine, famous French mannequin, shown above in a remarkable pictorial study, has risen to claim the title of the most beautiful mannequin in the French city.



**"JACK'S HERE!"**—Jack the Giant Killer Dempsey arrived in New York the other day and now the fight world is sitting up and taking notice once more. Photo shows him at his first breakfast in the Big Town—on this trip.



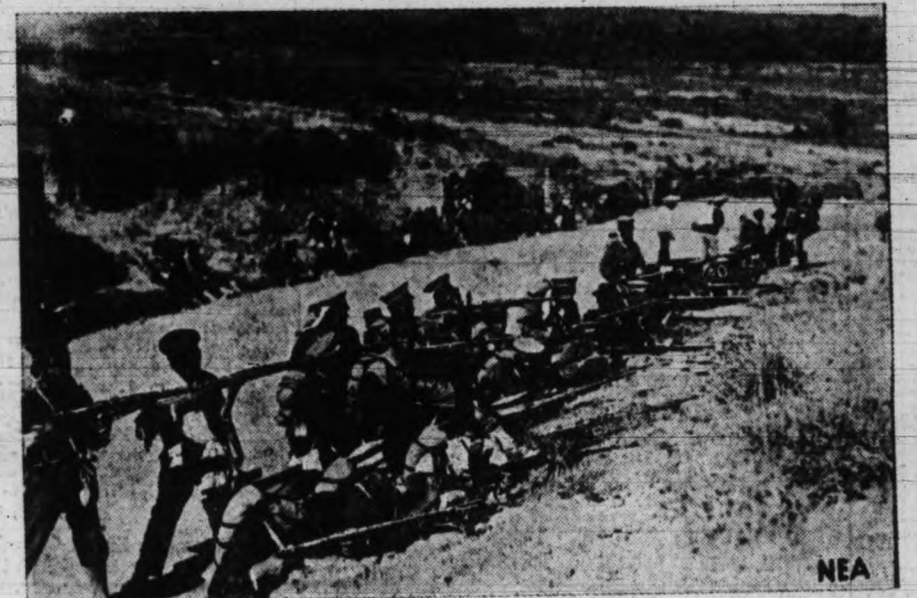
**STORM-CENTRE.**—Rev. Lee W. Heaton, of Fort Worth, Tex., now in New York City, will be tried for heresy before the House of Bishops. Other clergymen have rallied to his support.



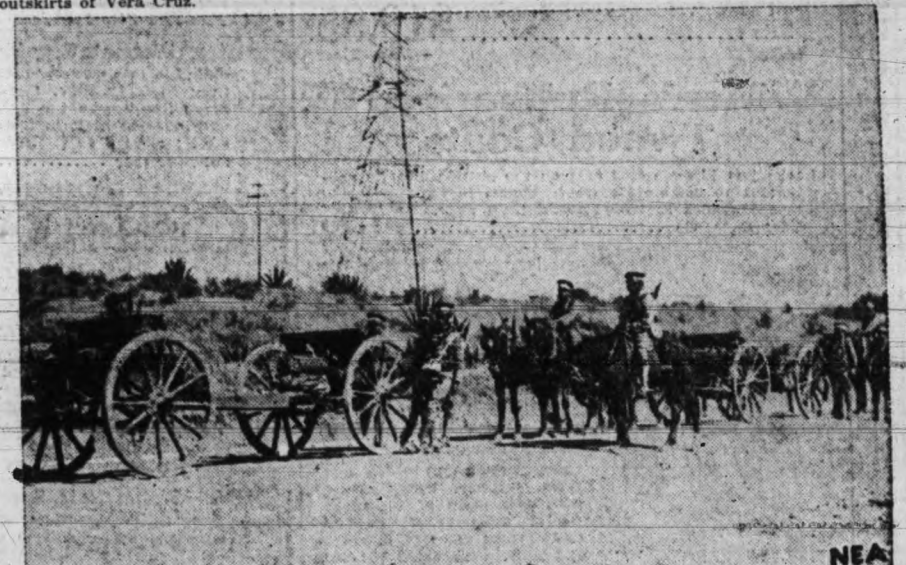
**KU KLUX KLANSWOMEN,** assembled at Youngstown, Ohio. They were prevented by the police from parading through the city.



**MEXICAN REBEL TROOPS** marching through a village on their way to the capital.



**ROADSIDES SERVE AS TRENCHES!**—Mexican federal troops were hastily dispatched to Vera Cruz at the outbreak of the present revolution. Photo shows infantry prepared to engage the rebels on outskirts of Vera Cruz.



**ARTILLERY ON WAY TO FRONT!**—Federal artillery is shown here on its march towards Vera Cruz to engage the rebels, fighting in the interest of de la Huerta faction.



**NEW GERMAN COINS.**—Photo above shows the 1923 issue of the Rentenpfennigs, German coin.



**A NEW DEVICE TO MAKE MILADY MORE BEAUTIFUL.**—A Turkish bath for the face is the very latest for Milady. This invention gives the face a sun bath as well as a Turkish bath. It was invented by an English beauty doctor and is now being used in London beauty parlors.



**OBREGON HIMSELF TAKES COMMAND!**—President Obregon of Mexico himself went to the firing line to direct his Federal troops against the rebels. Photo shows him arriving at Irapuato Jalisco on Western Front. Only a few weeks ago Obregon was seriously ill.







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## MUTT AND JEFF

Looks Like Mutt Has Chinese Vote Sewed up—But They Don't Vote

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## LAND REGISTRY OFFICE

Section 100  
In the Matter of Lot 5, of Section 17,  
Range East, South Saanich Dis-  
trict, Plan 110.

Proof having been filed in my office of the loss of Duplicate Certificate of Indefeasible Title No. 4024 to the above mentioned land, in the name of Clarence John Marsh, and bearing date the 17th day of November, 1921, I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE of my intention at the expiration of One Calendar Month from the first publication hereof to issue to the said Clarence John Marsh a Provisional Certificate of Indefeasible Title in lieu of such lost Certificate.

Any person having any information with reference to such lost Certificate of Title is requested to communicate with the undersigned.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., this 17th day of December, 1923.

FRANK J. STACPOOLE,  
Registrar of the Victoria Land Regis-  
tration District.

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## CHARMING WEDDINGS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

### Miss Jennie Laird Married to Mr. Mackereth of Van- couver

A pretty Christmas wedding was solemnized on Tuesday by Rev. W. H. Redman at Douglas Street Baptist Church, when Miss Jennie Laird, second daughter of Mrs. Laird, Work Street, became the bride of Mr. Wilfred Mackereth, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Mackereth, Woodland Avenue. The bride, who is a lovely girl, was given away by her cousin, Mr. Stanley Laird, looked radiant in a lovely gown of pearl grey tulle, and carried a bouquet of silver-encircled hair. Her bridesmaid, Charlotte Laird, was in a lovely gown of old rose tulle. The bride and bridesmaid were accompanied by their mothers. The ceremony was held at 11 o'clock. A reception was held at the bride's home, when friends assembled to give their good wishes and view the many handsome presents. The bride, who is a former pupil of the B.C. Telephone Company, was the recipient of a mahogany mantel clock from the staff, while the C.P.R. Telephone Company of Vancouver presented the groom with a cut glass salad bowl. The bride's gift to the groom was a ruby scarf pin, while he presented her and the bridesmaid with onyx rings and with pearls. After a brief honeymoon the happy couple will take up their residence in Vancouver.

## Saanich Pioneers to Hold Reunion To-morrow

All is in readiness for the pioneer reunion and dance, to be held under the auspices of the Saanich Pioneer Society in the Agricultural Hall, Saanich, to-morrow evening, December 28. As previously announced the affair will take the form of an exhibit by A. H. Maynard on the screen, showing interesting scenes of early days in Victoria. This will be followed immediately by old-time dances. The affair will be attended by a capacity gathering.

The list of officers chosen to carry out the plans of the society are as follows: President, Alex. Thomson; treasurer, Richard Thomson; secretary, Edwin R. John. The committee includes Mesdames J. T. Harrison and A. M. McKenna, and Messrs. W. B. Mitchell, McIntyre Dean, E. H. Macintosh, C. Mosey, W. Bernberg, J. K. Black and F. Turgoose.

## EX-MINISTER OF ITALY WAS BEATEN

Rome, Dec. 27.—Giovanni Amendola, former Minister of the Colonies and former Minister of War, was attacked yesterday by six unidentified persons who alighted from a taxicab and surrounded him in the street. Signor Amendola was jabbered with clubs until he fell bleeding to the sidewalk. He was removed to a hospital, where it was declared his injuries were not serious, and later he was returned to his home.

## DIABETES DEATHS INCREASE IN U.S.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Deaths from diabetes in the United States showed a considerable increase last year, it was shown to-day by Census Bureau statistics. There were 17,152 deaths from diabetes in 1922, compared with 14,932 in 1921 and 14,042 in 1920. In the registration area comprising eighty-five per cent of the country's population. The death rate was 18.4 per 100,000 of population last year compared with 16.8 in 1921 and 16.1 in 1920.

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## Births, Marriages, Deaths

**BIRTHS**  
WILLIAMSON—At St. Joseph's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Williamson (nee Little McKay), a daughter.

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## COMING EVENTS

**DIGONISM**—Happiness has a peculiar way of coming and going under any warning. Digonism, printers, stationers and engravers, 1110 Government Street, Christmas cards printed and engraved by our own workmen. A large and well-displayed stock

**TO OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS**—We wish to thank you for the splendid patronage you afforded us this season. It has been splendid. Wishing you the compliments of the season. We are yours truly, R. A. Brown & Co.

**AN** enjoyable time is promised those who attend the Hogmanay dance under the auspices of St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society on December 31. Tickets \$1.00.

**A** G.W.—Western Star Lodge dance, at Sample's Hall, New Year's Eve, 3 to 11. Admission 50¢. Refreshments, 25¢.

**B** DANCE, Caledonia Hall, Saturday, Dec. 29. Good music. Ladies 25¢, Gentlemen 50¢. Refreshments, 25¢.

**C** SMITH—Taxi car, rate reasonable. Phone 1718 or 51.

**I** your watch does not give satisfaction, bring it to "The Jewel Box," 1111 Broad Street, next to P. H. Brown & Son. Mainprizes \$1, cleaning \$1.50. Work guaranteed.

**J** BUS said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." It is time to meet the Lord. P.O. Box 173, 31-1 at 3 p.m.

**L** OGDGE PRIMROSE, 32, D. & M.O.E. Anniversary supper at 7 p.m., Harmony Hall, Fort and Douglas. Tickets 25¢.

**M**ILITARY Five Hundred and dance, at Conservative Rooms, Campbell Bldg., Thursday, Dec. 28, 8 to 11. Tickets, 10¢. Admission 50¢. Refreshments, 25¢.

**P**ARTY—Private party to take 5 passengers, 125¢ each. Leaving Seattle Jan. 2, Phone 2346 or 51.

**R**ATES—Private party to take 5 passengers, 125¢ each. Leaving Seattle Jan. 2, Phone 2346 or 51.

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**PIANO** lessons 10¢, around George or Victoria West district. Box 214, Times, 119-3.

## HELP WANTED—MALE

**AFTER** Christmas, what? Going to prepare for the future? A course at the Victoria Institute will qualify you for something better. Many courses, day and evening classes. Phone 25, or write for syllabus, 1012 Douglas Street, Victoria.

**ENGINEERS** schooled for certificates. W. G. Winterburn, 111 Central Bldg. 11-10.

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Perhaps the real cause of my trouble, the furtive sting which kept me on the offensive, was the fear—shall I not say the belief—that the unknown person who had thus betrayed her love and sympathy for Edgar was Orpha. Had I not seen her in my dream with a key lying in her hand? That key was now in mine, but not by her intention. She had meant it for him—to give him whatever advantage might accrue from his possession—she, whom I had believed to be so just that she would decline to favor him at my expense. Jealousy! the gnawing fiend that will not let our hearts rest. I might have gathered comfort from the thought that dreams were not to be relied upon; that I had no real foundation for my conclusions. The hand-writing was not here either on paper or letter; it was in the heart, as is so constituted that despite all this; despite my faith, my love, the conviction remained, clouding my judgment and thwarting my better instincts.

**KILLED BY TRAIN**  
Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—John Straga, twenty-eight, a car inspector, was fatally injured in the C.N.R. yards here yesterday afternoon when he was run over by a train and mangled. He died later in a hospital.

I had not the heart to place Orpha in so compromising a position, without making an effort to save her from their reproach and it might be from their suspicion. I recognized better course. Edgar must be allowed to open his own mail, but in my presence. I would seek him out as soon as I could hope to find him and, together, we would form some plan by which the truth might be made known without injuring Orpha. If it meant destruction to him, I would help him. She must be protected at all hazards. He was man enough still to see that. He had not lost all sense of chivalry in the debacle which had sapped his courage and made him the wreck I had seen him the night before. But where should I go? Where reach him?

The police knew his whereabouts but as it was my special wish to avoid the complication of their presence, this afforded me small help. Mr. Miller was my man. He must have Edgar's address or how could he have made an appointment with him. It was for me to get into communication with this attorney.

Hunting up his name in the telephone book, I found that he lived in Newark. Calling him up I learned that he was at home and willing to talk to me. Thereupon I gave him my name and asked him how his child was, and on hearing that she was better, inquired when he would be at his office. He named what for me, in my impatience, was a very late hour, and driven to risk all, rather than lose a possible advantage. I told him of the mistake he had made, he in giving and I in receiving a package to belonging, as I now thought to my cousin of the same name, and assuring him that I had not opened either package or letter, asked for his cousin's address, which he might immediately deliver them.

Well, that floored him for the moment. Judging from the expetitive look which reached my eyes, he must be ignorant of what my name stood for with the mass of people. He had blundered most egregiously and seemed to be well aware of it. But he was a man of the world and soon was explaining and apologizing for his mistake. He had never seen my cousin, and, being in some discomfiture of mind at the time, had been misled by a certain family resemblance I bore to the other Edgar as he was presented to the public in the newspapers. Would I pardon him, and above all, ask my cousin to pardon him, winding up by giving me the name of the hotel where Edgar was to be found.

than I had any reason to anticipate. Evidently, I had not yet found the key to his nature. Edgar at that moment was a mystery to me. But he should not remain so much longer.

Waiting for nothing, I addressed him as brother to brother. The baggards look in his eyes had appealed to me. Would to God there was not the reason for it that I feared!

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**BOOK REVIEW**  
**BIOGRAPHIES AND AUTOBIOGRAPHIES**  
"Memoirs and Notes of Persons and Places," by Sidney Colvin. The author has brought together in this work, personal recollections, most vividly present in his mind, of famous men whom he has known closely or even casually. During the course of a long life, chapters are devoted to R. L. Stevenson, Meredith, Ruskin, Burne-Jones, Browning, G. Eliot, Gladstone, Hugo and Gambetta, besides many others. His handling is as honest and as certain as it is gentle. These reminiscences are documents of abiding value for those who may want to know what manner of men these artists and authors were outside their studios and libraries. He gives us much precious truth, the unalloyed and well polished. The book is indeed a model of what such books should be. It is balanced and yet light and readable all through.

**Setuake Hearn, "Reminiscences of Lafcadio Hearn."** The reader is struck at once with the childlike simplicity of the author's style. It has the simplicity of someone very young, devoted and sincere, not writing for a purpose, but writing as it comes. The book is a collection of fragments of conversation, and gives a pleasant picture of the man and account of his temperament and methods of work. After reading this diary one can never forget the sweet gentle soul that lived beautifully and so simply in the spirit of complete love and harmony which it created. It gives us the lovelier side of Hearn's character, his devotion to his work, his love for the land of his adoption, and beyond this the utter peace and satisfaction of his simple life in Japan.

**Letters of William James.** Edited by Percy Lubbock. This portrait of the great philosopher of the mind is a book of the novel and the novel is so clear that the editor needed merely to add here and there a few explanatory notes. Throughout the letters we find an abundance of literary comment upon his fellow writers which is pungent and vigorous, and if not always convincing. There are many quotations from his correspondence about notable figures in the history of letters, and there is no doubt but that these letters will be of great value to the student of English literature.

## SEES LITTLE CHURCH REUNION PROGRESS

Archbishop of Canterbury Writes of Anglican and Roman Catholic Faiths

### Step Was Advocated at Lambeth Conference in 1920

London, Dec. 27.—The Archbishop of Canterbury's letter to the dignitaries of the Church of England, in which he says the question of the reunion of the Anglican and Roman Catholic faiths has made small headway since such a step was advocated at the Lambeth Conference in 1920, has made a considerable stir in England.

Most of the morning newspapers to-day gave the contents of the letter a page prominence. Their comments are not very encouraging for the Archbishop or other reunionists. Some of the writers refer sympathetically to the Archbishop's letter, but they see little hope of effecting such a reunion in the present circumstances.

### CONFERENCES HELD

The Daily Telegraph says that to most people the prospect of a reunion of the Anglican and Roman Churches seem too chimerical to be entertained.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. J. F. Fullerton and family, of Powell River, are spending the Christmas holiday in Victoria with his father, Mr. John Fullerton.

Mayor Hayward will entertain a number of civic officials this evening to dinner at the Dominion Hotel. Speeches and a musical programme have been arranged.

Ward Two Liberal-Conservative Association will hold a military 100 party to-night at 8 o'clock in the association's headquarters, Campbell Building. There will be several attractive prizes, including half a ton of coal and turkeys, and a tambora. Arrangements have been made for seventy-five tables.

A quiet wedding took place last evening at Broadbaine, the minister's residence, when the Rev. Dr. Campbell, in the presence of intimate friends of the principals, celebrated the marriage of Mr. Elmer Graves Clifford and Miss Phoebe Alice Gilbert, both of this city. The bride, who looked very charming in her smart gown of tulle, was given in marriage by her mother. Her sister, Miss Aileen Gilbert, attended her as bridesmaid, and Mr. G. Olmstead acted as best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the newlyweds left for their honeymoon, and on their return will make their home in the Canadian Royal Navy.

The annual supper and Christmas tree was held at the North Dairy School last Friday night. The supper of the North Dairy Parent-Teachers Association. Supper was provided by the ladies of the association and was served to both pupils and teachers, after which the room was cleared and Santa Claus appeared in person to distribute the gifts from a well-laden tree. The evening was greatly enjoyed by young and old, and the thanks of the association are due to the ladies who provided the supper and to the following, who contributed either cash or goods to ward making it the most splendid success that it was: Mrs. S. S. McCallum, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Mercer, Scott & Peden, J. McNeil, Mr. Patterson, D. Spencer Ltd., H. C. Kirkham & Co. and Mr. Talbot.



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"The chief part which I took in these preparations was the sending of two telegrams; one to the office and one to Inspector Redding in C—"

Edgar did not send any. The former was a notification of absence, the latter, a simple announcement that I was returning to C—"

Edgar continued to surprise me. On our arrival he showed gratification rather than displeasure at encountering the Inspector at the station.

"Here's luck," he cheerfully exclaimed. "This will save me a stop at Headquarters. I hear that my cousin has been promoted to the rank of one for which we have been searching. Quenton and myself are here to see if we cannot find a key-hole to fit it. Any objections, Inspector?"

His old manner, but a little over-emphasized. I looked to see if the Inspector noticed this, but he was a man so quiet in his ways that it would take one as astute as himself to read anything from his looks.

Meanwhile he was saying: "That's all right, we've been all the morning at it. But if you have any new ideas on the subject I am willing to accompany you back to the house."

The astonishment this caused me was hard to conceal. How could they have made the trial spoken of when the key necessary for it was at that very moment in Edgar's pocket? But I remembered the last word he had said to me before leaving the train. "If you love me—if you love yourself—above all, if you love Orpha, allow me to run this business in my own way," and held myself back, willing enough to test his way and see if it were a good one.

"I don't know as I have any new ideas," Edgar protested. "I fear I exhausted all my ideas, new and old, before I went to New York. However, if you—"

The end of it all was that we went one way and the Inspector another, with but few words said and only one look given that conveyed any message and that was to me. It came from the Inspector and conveyed to me the meaning, whether true or false, that he was leaving this matter in my hands.

And Edgar thought it was in his! One incident more and I will take you with me to the Queen's Court. As we, that is, Edgar and myself, turned to go down the street, he remarked in a natural but perfectly casual manner:

"Orpha has the key."

As the Inspector was just behind us on his way to the curb, I perceived that this sentence was meant for his ear rather than mine and let it pass till we were well out of hearing when I asked somewhat curtly:

"What do you mean by that? What has your whole conduct meant? You have the key—"

"Quenton, do you want the police hanging over us while we potter all over that room trying all sorts of ridiculous experiments in our search for an elusive keyhole? Orpha has a key but not the right one. That is in my pocket, as you know."

At this I stopped him short, right there in the street. We were not far from Quenton Court, but much as I longed to enter its doors again I was determined not to do so till I had had it out with this man.

"Edgar, do you mean to tell me that Orpha has lent herself to this deception?"

(To be continued.)

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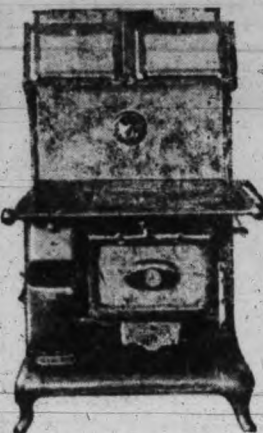
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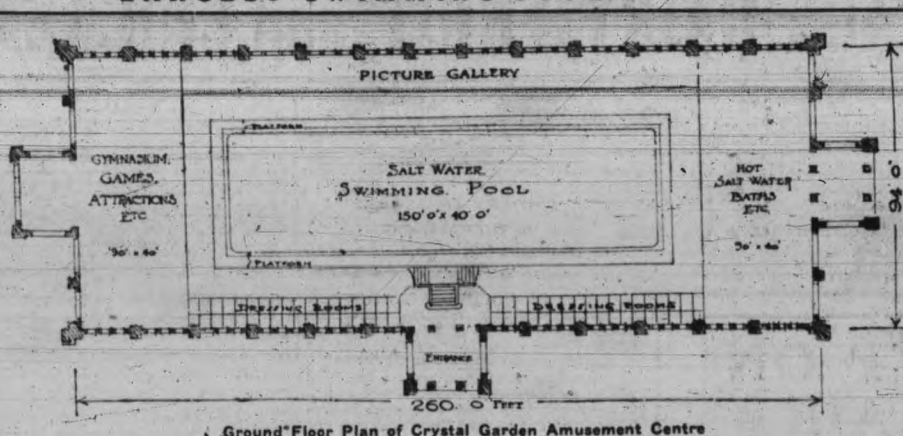
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### Confiscation of One Charter For Club Replaced by New License

He had been taunted at a public meeting about beer clubs, stated Commissioner Staneland to the Police Board last night, asking for information about one such club recently convicted and fined \$4,000. Explaining matters Chief Fry stated that this club had its old charter taken down by the police, and without a second's delay had pinned another one on the wall, a Vancouver charter, transferred to this city some three days in advance of the forfeiture of its own charter.

The Attorney-General, said Commissioner Staneland, had replied that this club had its charter taken away. A charter could be taken away, but it was difficult to prevent another charter being secured under another name, pointed out the chief. From the police point of view a chartered club was easier to deal with and regulate, for in the event of a conviction there was a regular authority to face the court. With unchartered clubs 100 members could appear singly and each plead as to a first offence.

## SKETCH OF PAST INCUMBENTS OF SEE

### Catholic Bishops of Victoria Include Some Notable Men

The appointment of Dr. T. O'Donnell as Bishop of Victoria recalls the circumstances under which his predecessors have been selected. In view of the fact that the Catholics have the honor of first establishing Christian services on this Island, and having had a representative of their faith at its formal foundation, their record is of particular interest. For many years the diocese was attached to that of Oregon, and it has given two archbishops to the Oregon see. Archbishop Seghers, the martyred diocesan who returned from Portland here to take charge a second time, and Archbishop Christie, the present incumbent, who recently celebrated his silver jubilee.

For a lengthy period also Alaska was in this diocese, and some of the most interesting passages in the lives of the bishops are identified with the northern missions.

Accompanying is a list of the bishops from 1847 to the present time.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF OREGON.**  
First Bishop—Father Modeste Demers, from province of Quebec. Consecrated Bishop, November 30, 1847. Territory included British Columbia, and Alaska, and adjacent islands. First cathedral, now chapel of St. Ann's Academy erected. He died here July 28, 1871.

Second Bishop—Father Charles John Seghers, native of Ghent, Belgium, born December 24, 1829. Arrived on Vancouver Island, November 19, 1862. Administrator of the diocese after death of Bishop Demers. Consecrated Bishop June 29, 1873. Appointed 1879 co-adjutor to Archbishop of Oregon, and arrived in Portland July 1, 1879. He succeeded as Archbishop 1880, and received the Pallium August 15, 1881.

Third Bishop—Father John Basil A. Brondel, native of Bruges, Belgium, born 1847. Came to Victoria in 1889. Translated to diocese of Montana on its creation, 1885.

Fourth Bishop—Archbishop Seghers left Portland, retiring in favor of Archbishop Gross, but during his Alaskan tour in 1886, on November 26 was killed by a maniac, after wards convicted of manslaughter.

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Trucks and vehicles of all types with a projecting load should carry a red flag by day and a red lamp by night at the extreme rear, said Commissioner Staneland. The board acquiesced, and will seek to bring this about. The meeting approved the design and wording of warning cards to precede prosecution for minor offences during the past two years. Harmony had been the keynote of the board's meetings, said the Mayor, and he hoped this would be true of the year to come.

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## STANELAND-HALL PLAN FOR POLICE REORGANIZATION

### Victoria Over-Staffed by Police, Says Commissioner Staneland

The Victoria police force, suggested Commissioner W. E. Staneland at the final session of the board last night, needs remodeling. The present police administration has grown from \$35,000 a few years ago to \$103,000 in the current term. The sum of \$111,000 was asked for the year 1924, he said. Though he was the retiring member, Commissioner Staneland said he would suggest with diffidence that the work could be done for \$72,000, on an estimate prepared by Dr. Hall and himself. As he saw it, the right force to police Victoria would be as follows:

One chief constable, one deputy chief (also head of detectives), one inspector (also traffic manager), three desk sergeants, eight detectives, six motor-cycle constables, three police women and ten uniformed patrolmen. This, he said, would mean a large reduction in the force rather than in the salaries paid, and would, he argued, be in line with the city's needs. Quoting from The Toronto Saturday Night the commissioner declared Victoria was the highest taxed city in Canada, and the time had come when the cost of its police administration should be cut.

The scheme was endorsed by Commissioner Dr. Ernest Hall, who said that Commissioner Staneland had made a very careful review of the situation before formulating the suggestion. Chief Fry warned the board that a reduction in the number of men might impair the efficiency of the service. There were still twenty-four hours to the day, he reminded the meeting, with reliefs and watches to be found through the entire period. The Staneland-Hall plan was referred to the 1924 commission for consideration.

The board then addressed itself to the consideration of the 1924 estimates in the rough. The total of \$111,000 was prepared, explained the Mayor, by asking for everything that was required, but there was no doubt that could be whittled away considerably. After having voted during the year to give policemen free boots, Mr. Staneland recounted last night, and said he found it was not done in other places. This had cost \$635, he found, and there was no precedent for it. Contingent salaries also, he said, could be done away with next year. The \$300 odd voted for this purpose had gone to give the detectives a raise in the current year, he said, and this would not be needed from now on. Commissioner Staneland reported an excess of \$6,500 over the 1923 estimates, money saved by the present administration. The figure would probably be around \$5,000 at the end of the year, thought the Mayor.

Upwards of \$1,000 had yet to be collected by the city for police services rendered in the upkeep and transportation of prisoners, commented Commissioner Staneland. After brief analysis the estimates were passed to the incoming board for consideration.

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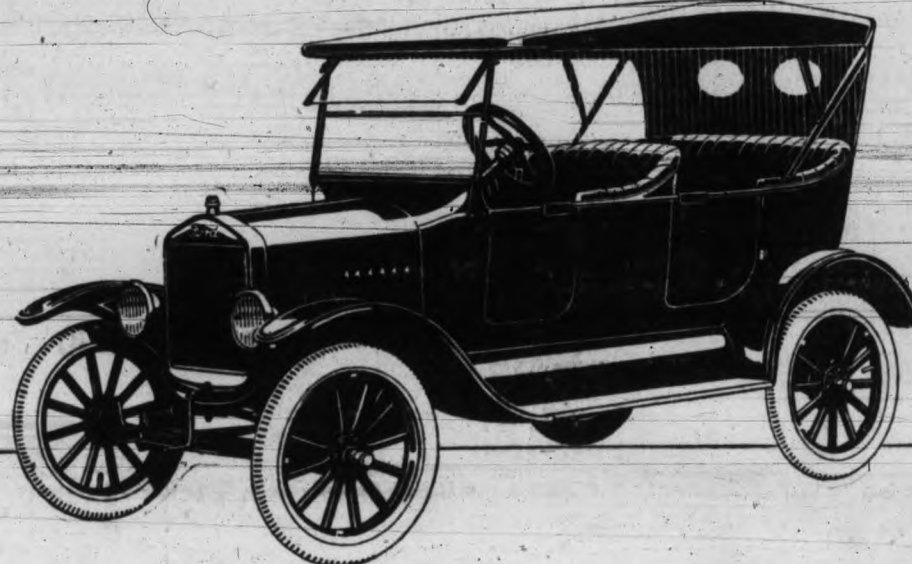
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